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THOMSON READY TO CRACK DOUBLE

By JOHN ECONOMOS

EDDIE THOMSON, Sydney City's champion manager-coach in the Olympic Airways National Soccer League, will be out to crack the 'double'.

"I am extremely happy to have again finished first past the post," Thomson told us last night from the Hakoah Club.

"I was a little worried as during the week we did not train too well and Sydney Croatia was not going to ease the pressure.

"The Top Five Series will see this pressure increase even further for us as Marconi who have been very consistent and Sydney Croatia will be out to grab the National title."



Eddie Thomson

Thomson, the most successful coach in the history of the NSL since taking over Sydney City in 1980, has

won four League championships in the last five years.

In 1983, he 'crashed' to second place when Frank Arok took the Championship with St George.

Sydney City has a deadly weapon in Frank Farina for the Top Five Series and despite the possible absence of Australia's World Cup captain, John Kosmina, still suffering from a broken toe, Thomson's side must threaten as favourites in the Series.

Farina, recently back from a long injury spell, cracked a magnificent hat-trick yesterday against Canberra City Olympians.

The deadly flank-striker, is making a belated bid for Frank Arok's World Cup squad.

Farina is a class player who can supply width and pace for Australia not forgetting he has a shot in both feet as well as being strong in the air.

CITY'S TUNE — 'LET'S DO IT AGAIN'

BY FRANK COLETTA

FOR the umpteenth time in their illustrious history Sydney City have literally run roughshod over their rivals in the race for the minor premiership.

Yesterday at Sydney Athletic Field, Eddie Thomson's 'slick' outfit left no one in doubt as to who are the front-runners for the National League title.

They submitted the killer punch to Canberra City's semi-final hopes.

They inflicted the win in such a soul-destroying manner that the boys from the ACT may well have found it difficult to recover to fight another day, so to speak.

Led in methodical fashion by the former Canberra prodigal, Frank Farina, City hit Canberra with a 20 minute blitz that sent their rivals reeling, it was a brutal assault and one which was reminiscent of the Sydney City that has carried all before it in

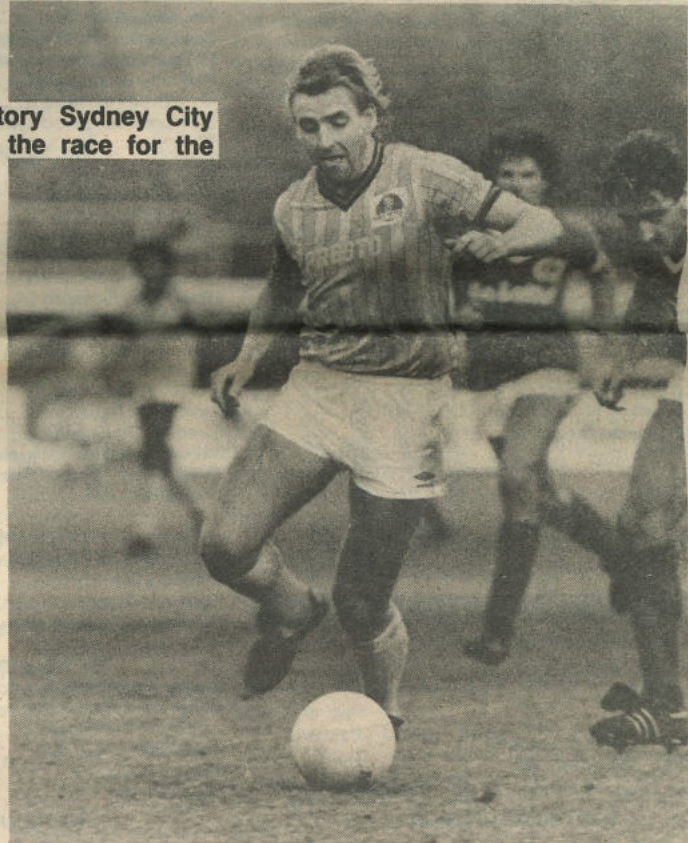
previous years.

And they have back-up! David Mitchell playing for the injured John Kosmina grabbed one goal whilst the other three compiled a memorable hat-trick for 'Frank Forever'.

Meanwhile back in the 'Golden West' the only real threat to Sydney City's minor premiership — Sydney Croatia were blasting the helpless Apia Leichhardt into submission at the Croatian Sports Centre.

In last year's Northern division final, Sydney Olympic (who drew 2 - 2 with Marconi yesterday) bundled out Sydney City but it is highly unlikely Olympic will figure in the deciders.

Their games are all sudden death yet admittedly if they re-



John Kosmina on the ball.

ceive the plentiful and boisterous support from their fanatical supporters they usually do, they could well thrive on the pressure football.

For Croatia's part they must feel a little upset.

For the majority of the season they were the pace-setters but they stumbled at the vital stage, only to be passed by Sydney City so close to the wire.

For mine, one match on the Saturday and the other on the Sunday is the way to go.

The semi-finalists in the Northern division are: Sydney City, Sydney Croatia, Marconi, Sydney Olympic and St. George and in the Southern division: South Melbourne, Brunswick Juventus, Heidelberg United, Melbourne Croatia and Sunshine George Cross.

PENRITH — DOWN BUT NOT OUT!

BY FRANK COLETTA

PENRITH CITY in effect are now relegated from the National League but they are so very determined to 'do a Western Suburbs' and emulate the rugby league side's feats and thwart their expulsion.

Despite their emphatic 4-1 demolition of bottom-placed Newcastle Rosebud the Panthers are on their way down but for some desperate work

from the committee.

Penrith's secretary John Glynn is determined the Panthers will not be relegated and he cites the example of Newcastle being somewhat protected as they are a developing area. Glynn claims that Penrith is also a developing area and has already levelled strong words towards the NSL.

"We'll fight it every inch of the way and we may well be prepared to sue to stay in the top league," he said.



Midfield generals Peter Raskopoulos and Craig Mason are pictured here during yesterday's encounter at St George Stadium.



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SCOREBOARD

NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

ROUND 22:

PENRITH 4 (R Easthorpe 3, D Campbell) NEWCASTLE 1 (D Stewart) at Cook Park. Crowd: 566.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (M Soper, S Johnston) MARCONI 2 (M Jankovics 2) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 2755.
MONARO 1 (R Budini) ST GEORGE 1 (M Barton) at Seiffert Oval. Crowd: 749.
SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (J Patikas 2, D Rezo) LEICHHARDT 0. Crowd: 6351.
WOLLONGONG 3 (P Brodnik 2, B Godzik) BLACKTOWN 0 at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 1069.
SYDNEY CITY 4 (F Farina 3, D Mitchell) CANBERRA 2 (M Perinovic, P Burke) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 1100.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney City	22	15	5	2	42	19	35
Croatia	22	14	5	3	50	22	33
Marconi	22	11	7	4	44	23	29
Sydney Olympic	22	12	3	7	29	25	27
St George	22	7	8	7	32	27	22
Canberra	22	8	6	8	33	35	22
Inter Monaro	22	7	6	9	29	37	20
Blacktown	22	7	4	11	30	34	18
Apia Leichhardt	22	7	2	13	20	34	16
Wollongong City	22	5	6	11	29	46	16
Penrith City	22	4	6	12	24	35	14
Newcastle Rosebud	22	4	4	14	20	45	12

NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION

ROUND 22:

WEST ADELAIDE 0 STH MELBOURNE 3 (C. Egan 3) at Hindmarsh. Crowd: 1000.
FOOTSCRAY 0 SUNSHINE GC 3 (O Latif 2, N Mitten) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 800.
MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (J Antolovic 2) BRISBANE LIONS 3 (T Redmond, A Hunter, J Stewart) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 500.
BRISBANE CITY drew with BRUNSWICK 0 at Spencer Park. Crowd: 647.
HEIDELBERG 0 drew with ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Heidelberg. Crowd: 1000.
GREEN GULLY 1 (Williams) drew with PRESTON 1 (Heys) at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 2000.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Melbourne	22	14	5	3	39	21	33
Brunswick Juve	22	11	7	4	33	19	29
Heidelberg Utd	22	10	7	5	29	17	27
Melbourne Croatia	22	9	6	7	29	21	24
Sunshine GC	22	8	7	7	25	22	23
Preston	22	9	6	7	30	28	23
Brisbane Lions	22	9	4	9	29	29	22
Green Gully	22	6	6	10	24	29	18
Adelaide City	22	6	6	10	29	35	18
West Adelaide	22	6	5	11	24	37	17
Brisbane City	22	6	5	11	25	42	17
Footscray	22	5	2	15	25	41	12

NSL TOP SCORERS

NORTHERN DIVISION

- 16 — Patikas (S. Cro)
15 — Jankovics (M)
13 — Arnold (S. Cr)
11 — Brown (M), Farina (S. Cit)
9 — O'Connor (B), Lowe (M)
8 — Morgan (SG), Kosmina (S. Cit), Gomez (S. Cit)

SOUTHERN DIVISION

- 18 — Egan (SM)
11 — Stevenson (H), Latif (SGC), Price (WA)
10 — Sweeney (BJ), Lewis (GG)
8 — Zinni (BJ), Ward (MC), Smith (P), Brown (SM)

TNT SKYPAK LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fairy Meadow	20	13	4	3	25	12	30
Canterbury	20	12	5	3	44	23	29
Sutherland	20	10	6	4	37	19	26
Melita Eagles	20	11	4	5	36	18	26
Ku-ring-gai	20	8	7	5	25	19	23
Rockdale Ilinden	20	7	6	7	25	18	20
Avala	20	7	6	7	22	20	20
Manly Warringah	20	4	8	8	16	23	16
Polonia	20	7	2	11	31	45	16
Warringah N'been	20	2	9	9	14	35	13
Uruguay Auburn	20	2	8	10	15	30	12
Bankstown National	20	2	5	13	15	43	9

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W'gong Macedonia	19	13	5	1	37	11	31
Gladesville Hby	20	14	3	3	34	10	31
Queens Park	19	11	3	5	41	22	24
Blacktown United	18	11	2	5	42	21	23
Campbelltown City	19	11	2	6	42	24	24
North Bankstown	19	9	4	6	30	17	22
Yugal	17	6	5	6	32	20	17
Artarmon	19	5	6	8	23	27	16
Bathurst '75	19	3	8	8	27	31	14
Dee Why	19	3	6	10	11	34	12
Canterbury & Dist	20	3	3	14	22	61	9
Penrith United	20	0	3	17	18	80	3

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kingsford	20	11	8	1	46	24	30
Bondi Marine	19	9	8	2	49	17	26
North Ryde	20	11	2	7	33	21	24
King Tomislav	19	9	6	4	28	21	24
Baulkham Hills	20	9	6	5	24	18	24
Rooty Hill	19	8	4	7	41	20	20
Port Hacking	18	7	5	6	21	29	19
C'belltown Dist	19	6	5	8	25	27	17
Moorebank L'pool	18	6	2	10	21	29	14
Granville District	18	3	6	9	22	38	12
Uni of NSW	19	3	6	10	15	27	12
Mt Druitt Town	20	2	5	13	18	68	9

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Uruguay Auburn v Bankstown Nat.	3-3	0-6	0-5
Uruguay Auburn v Bankstown Nat.	0-0	13-0	4-1
Cant M'ville Oly v Sutherland	1-2	1-5	1-2
Rockdale v Ku-ring-gai	1-2	0-1	2-0
Avala v Fairy Meadow	0-1	2-4	1-1
Polonia v Manly	3-1	1-7	1-4
Warringah v Ku-ring-gai	0-0	0-1	1-1
Sutherland v Canterbury	5-6	2-0	3-0

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Artarmon v Campbelltown	2-3	0-1	0-6
Nth Bankstown v Cant & Dist.	3-1	13-0	2-0
Gladesville v Bathurst '75	2-1	6-0	4-1
Blacktown Utd v Queens Park	4-2	2-0	3-1
Dee Why v Gladesville	0-0	0-0	2-1
Wollongong Mac v Penrith Utd.	2-1	7-0	0-1
SSC Yugal v Bathurst '75	1-1	6-1	3-1
Campbelltown City v Artarmon	2-0	1-0	

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Baulkham Hills v King Tomislav	0-0	4-1	1-0
Uni of NSW v Rooty Hill	2-2	3-1	
Kingsford v Granville	3-3	3-0	3-1
Bondi Marine v Port Hacking	0-0	1-1	1-0
Mt Druitt v Moorebank L'pool	1-5	0-0	1-0
Mt Druitt v Bondi Marine	0-4	1-2	2-1
North Ryde v Moorebank	2-0	4-1	2-1
Campbelltown v Port Hacking	1-2	0-0	

INTER URBAN FIRST DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Hurstville Zagreb v Sydney Uni.	1-3	0-3	
Padstow Park v CSI	2-1	1-0	
Eastwood S/A v West Park	0-0	2-2	
West St George v Fairfield Kiev	2-0	3-1	
Nineveh Eagles v Spanish Club	1-1	0-1	
West Park v Eastwood S/A	0-0	2-4	
Lane Cove v Fairfield Kiev	1-1	6-1	

INTER URBAN SECOND DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Chile Sports v Pagewood	2-2	2-5	
Concordia v Hawkesbury	3-1	1-0	
Maroubra v Trasandinos	1-2	3-2	
Liverpool City v Chelsea	1-0	0-0	
Wenty Waratahs v Macquarie Uni	0-0	1-1	
Green Valley v Macarthur Utd	3-1	2-0	
Concordia v Chile	6-1	2-1	

INTER URBAN THIRD DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Sydney Maccabi v Blacktown Wands	2-2	1-8	
Chullora v Dulwich Hill	1-2	1-3	
Rosebery v Robins	0-2	7-3	
Haberfield v Welcome Sports	1-2	0-1	

INTER URBAN FOURTH DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Lithgow Workmens v Colo Colo	1-5	0-0	
Murray Farm v Macedonia Yag	1-2	2-2	
Jedinstvo v Petersham	0-4	3-3	
Greenisland v Petersham	3-0	3-1	
Jedinstvo v Castle Hill	1-3	1-12	
Nepean Rovers v Lansvale	2-4	3-4	

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wollongong	24	17	2	5	54	27	36
Canberra	24	16	4	4	47	29	36
Sydney City	24	14	3	7	59	29	31
AIS	24	11	6	7	65	50	28
St George	24	11	3	10	47	51	25
Newcastle	24	9	6	9	25	29	24
Marconi	24	8	6	10	48	49	22
Leichhardt	24	8	5	11	31	39	21
Inter-Monaro	24	8	5	11	33	47	21
Croatia	24	6	7	11	35	45	19
Blacktown	24	6	5	13	39	54	17
Olympic	24	6	5	13	33	48	17
Penrith	24	6	3	15	32	51	15

AIS 2 (Northam 62, Koch 70) SYDNEY CITY 1 (Patterson 80)
CROATIA 3 (Kovacic 17, 40 (pen) Berkopec 69) LEICHHARDT (Beddoni 57)
OLYMPIC 1 (Ciaramella 31) MARCONI 3 (Reid 1, 75, Markovski 40)
PENRITH 0 NEWCASTLE 0
INTER MONARO 2 (C. Ambrosino 66, Dyordievski 82) ST GEORGE 2 (Aranyi 25, Ollerenshaw 44)
SYDNEY CITY 1 (Patterson 43) CANBERRA 2 (Mazis 2, Johnstone 32)
WOLLONGONG 4 (Wellbourne 34 (pen) Corridini 50, 74, Nees 65) BLACKTOWN 1 (Plumb 85)

SECOND DIVISION

ROUND 17

Toronto-Awaba 4 Port Macquarie 0, Mayfield 1 Cessnock City 1, Wallsend 3 Edgeworth 0, Belmont 5 Newcastle Macedonia 0, Westlakes 0 Stockton 0.

MARCONI GRABS A LATE DRAW

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI's striker Mark Jankovics snatched a late equalising goal at the St George Stadium when Sydney Olympic, 1985 NSL Cup Winners, looked comfortable victors in the dying minutes of the match.

Jankovics who scored both of Marconi's goals in the 2 - 2 draw should have nailed a hat-trick but bombed a golden chance in the 13th minute.

Marconi's top goalscorer, Jankovics, intercepted a bad pass by an Olympic defender, raced 35 metres into the box but was wide with his hit with only goalkeeper Gary Meier to beat.

Seconds later, Jankovics made amends when he scored from a much sharper angle after excellent work by Peter Tredinnick. In the 18th minute, Olympic's midfielder Stuart Johnston shaved Marconi's post with a scorching shot but Marshall Soper levelled seconds later with a spectacular goal.

Soper, probably Australia's most exciting Soccer personality, raided down the right

flank, beat three defenders and from just outside the right corner of the area, belted a vicious drive into the target.

Marconi's midfield trio of Lee Sterrey, Craig Mason and the ever-reliable Peter Tredinnick, looked far more organised than Olympic's quartet of Johnston, Raskopoulos, Ogun and Katholos, despite Peter Raskopoulos's intelligent individual efforts.

Olympic hit the lead in the 62nd minute when Johnston balanced up with a wonderful left-footed drive from the edge of the Marconi box to make amends for his first half miss.

But Olympic were handicapped in the 71st minute when referee Peter Rampley sent off the lanky stopper Andy Stankovic for alleged tripping of Tredinnick.

With Olympic

seemingly having the match wrapped up, Jankovics hit the target. Peter Sharne shot at goal, Meier partly blocked for Tony Henderson to knock to Jankovics and the latter did the rest.

Les Scheinflug stated after the match: "We badly needed that match to run out the rust and kinks in the team. Next Wednesday night against Sydney Croatia, I will bring Ian Gray into the midfield with Sterrey, Carter and Rizzotto battling for the two full-back positions."

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Rogers, Ziras, Stankovic, Jennings, Johnston, Raskopoulos, Katholos, Ogun: Soper (Svinos 62), Pollas (Lampopoulos 76).

MARCONI: McPherson (James 46): Carter, Henderson, Calderan, Rizzotto: Sterrey, Mason, Tredinnick: Jankovics, Brown (Sharne 72), Lowe.

REFEREE: P.Rampley.
CROWD: 2,755.



MARSHALL SOPER (left) and Joe Rizzotto clash for possession.

A WIN — AND LOSS!

BY JAMES DOUGLAS

PENRITH CITY had one of their best wins of the year when they beat Newcastle Rosebud 4-1 at Cook Park, but the result meant nothing in terms of the inevitable relegation of the winning side.

Penrith, despite finishing one place above the stricken Rosebud, remain the worst-placed team under NSW Federation control and therefore surrender their status in the Olympic Airways National League.

The one club which could have saved them from this fate was Wollongong, had the south coast side been beaten, but Wollongong beat Blacktown 3-0 to move clear of danger.

Penrith say they will still fight the relegation verdict through other avenues, even though the NSL insists

they must go down.

Yesterday's 4-1 victory was a personal triumph for young Randell Easthorpe who scored three goals.

That is the sort of goalscoring prowess which the Youth Soccerers may regret leaving at home instead of taking to the Soviet Union for the World Youth Championship.

Easthorpe's goals swung the match to Penrith who were struggling in the first half and a goal down — scorer Darren Stewart — at half-time.

Soon after the teams changed ends, Easthorpe grabbed the

equalising goal and only one minute later, Don Campbell put the Panthers 2-1 in front.

Two more Easthorpe goals gave Penrith a runaway win which certainly did not look possible at half-time.

Penrith have had a rocky time since entering the NSL, operating on a shoestring and with unbelievably poor response from local people.

Their match attendances have been pathetic and, while they are not alone in this, it seems a spell in State League Soccer would do Penrith no harm.

IT'S GOODBYE TO FOOTSCRAY

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

FOOTSCRAY bowed out of the National League with a discouraging 3-0 defeat by giant-killers Sunshine George Cross.

In a sad end to the season the "blues" also lost their long-serving goalkeeper Dennis Boland, who announced before the game he is looking for a club.

Boland walked out claiming that he was promised his position for the final game of the season but for reasons unknown to him he was informed minutes before the game that young Mark Turudia was to take the field.

A tragic incident early in the second half made the day a memorable event for supporters and players of both teams.

Ivan Istuk had his shinbone crushed in a tackle by Footscray's central defender Kyri Kyriakoulas.

Temper frayed after the incident and referee Jim Fearn removed the players from the field for almost 10 minutes, until the ambulance arrived to ferry the unfortunate Istuk to the nearest hospital.

Sunshine George Cross made certain of their win with an early goal by Ossie Latif. Four minutes into the game the dynamo striker netted the first goal.

Noel Mitten secured George Cross's win in the 69th minute with a penalty, awarded against Footscray when young Radovan Barjaktarovic had fouled Carl Gilder inside the area.

Latif completed the scoring one minute before full time with his second goal for the day.

But George Cross's hopes of making the top five were dashed by Preston's diminutive winger Graham Heys who headed the equaliser four minutes before full time.

In a game marred by some fierce tackles, which forced FIFA referee Chris Bambridge to hand out seven yellow cards, Green Gully set sail to upset Preston with an early goal by Jim Williams.

Williams netted after three minutes, and in spite of the continuous reshuffle of the Preston team they looked certain winners until four minutes before full time when Heys made certain of Preston's participation in the top five series.

Melbourne Croatia also suffered some tragic losses in their final game for the season due to a number of bad injuries against Brisbane Lions at Olympic Park.

It was the injuries that forced the Melbourne outfit to succumb to Brisbane Lions who returned home with two points from an unexpected 3-2 win over Croatia.

Lions went into the lead after 10 minutes when Tommy Redmond opened the score from close range.

Twenty five minutes later, Alan Hunter doubled the margin and raised Lions hopes of finishing the season on a high note.

Croatia reduced the

margin in the 39th minute when Antolovic duly converted a penalty awarded against Lions defence for fouling Ante Lujbic.

Croatia persevered with their attacks and seven minutes before full time Antolovic scored for the second time again from the penalty spot to level the score.

But it was Lions who celebrated the two championship points with a winning goal scored by John Stewart in the dying seconds of the game.

But while Cristaldo failed to control Lions forward line, Heidelberg's Soccerroo keeper Jeff Olver displayed some brilliant goal keeping and held Adelaide City to a 0-0 draw at Olympic Village.

Heidelberg appeared somewhat subdued particularly in the second half and posed no threat to McNally's sanctuary.

UNIMPRESSIVE SAINTS INTO SEMI-FINALS

A VERY unimpressive St George crept into fifth place and the finals play-off by just doing enough for a 1-1 draw with a not very interested Monaro at Seiffert Oval.

BY KEN HEALEY

St George should have scored a goal or two in the first half, coming closest in the 42nd minute when Robbie Slater beat Steve Hoszowski from 30 metres. The ball came out of the underside of the crossbar.

That miss was the culmination of a period of sustained St George pressure during which Roy Cotton shot just wide because of tight marking from the impressive Ricki Budini.

Still, Monaro had more clear chances before half-time than St George, hitting the ball softly to Terry Greedy on at least three occasions.

Greedy was severely embarrassed by Monaro's goal. Budini beat him pointlessly at the near post with a daisy-cutter in the 50th minute. It was a free kick from a good 25 metres.

St George responded with the only real commitment it showed all day. Young Joe Galletti saved off the line from Cotton in the 58th minute, but Baz Giampaolo missed the chance to wrap the game up when he stopped for an offside flag that did not go up in the 70th minute.

It took two more minutes for substitute Mark Barton to level the score when he was presented with the ball between two defenders.

He drew and beat Hoszowski.

The only saving grace was that Canberra might have deserved fifth place less than St George did.

On this form St George will be nothing more than a chopping block for Sydney Olympic on Wednesday night.

Man of the match: Monaro's sweeper RICKI BUDINI for a display that was a class above what everyone else had to offer.

MONARO: Hoszowski, Galletti, Tullawa, Budini, Titilas, Santolin, Carbone, Willox, Walsh, Giampaolo, Brennan.

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, R O'Shea, Ratcliffe, M O'Shea, Ricoy, Stone, J O'Shea, Bozanic (Barton 59), Cotton, Slater.

REFEREE: R Lorenc. CROWD: 749.

CALL THEM THE ODD COUPLE!

BY MIKE JOHNSON

AROK and Thomson is an unlikely partnership which is doing excellent work on behalf of Australian Soccer.

Last week we discussed Frank Arok as a coach/manager.

Eddie Thomson does not appear to have the range of gifts of the brilliant Arok.

However, he does know how to get results with a professional soccer team.

There are those who wonder how he will go when he steps away from Sydney City into the unpredictable, wider world of soccer in Australia.

Gerry Chaldi and David Maclaren found this world unattractive in the extreme after successful years at Sydney City.

Eddie might not find it so inhospitable.

He has served a long time now at Sydney City, surviving the exit of Andrew Lederer whom many said was the brains behind Sydney City's success.

Presumably Eddie Thomson has taken over some of the managerial work previously done by Lederer and he appears to have done it well if we look at Sydney City's place on the table.

There is no question but that Sydney City started to founder, with some of the players getting older and also jaded from recurring international commitments.

Saturday game.

the table, but performed very well against us in Wollongong taking a point and almost beating us.

That has not happened which speaks well of Eddie's control and respect for the authority of his senior partner.

Some of the Arok flair and rhetoric may have their influence on Thomson in the course of time.

Scotsmen, by and large, are practical men, not overly concerned with the froth and bubble which fizzes up around much of modern life.

Many people expect that when Frank Arok does depart the national coaching seat, it will be Thomson who will take his place.

Certainly he would have had an excellent build-up to the position.

There is only one other man as qualified to fill the role and that is Les Scheinflug.

We will discuss the merits of Scheinflug as a coach next week.

I do expect that there are those in Melbourne who would point to Len McKendry as being more able and better qualified to coach Australia than either Scheinflug or Thomson.

They could be right, but are they?

CROATIA GOOD BUT NOT GOOD ENOUGH

SYDNEY CROATIA made it quite clear to all and sundry at the Croatian Sports Centre yesterday that even though they were unable to take out the Northern Division premiership, they will more than trouble any side that dares cross their path during the semi-finals.

Their 3-0 win over the languishing Apia Leichhardt was full of authority but proved no more than a dawdle for this class outfit.

Apia simply could not come to terms with Croatia's 'blitzkrieg' attacking style that is built up from the back with incisive passing and running.

BY FRANK COLETTA

Croatia gave Apia no respite in the first half continually making raids on Bob Catlin's goalmouth, most of which resulted in corner kicks.

After a series of corners and three or four chances the Croatians went one up when international striker Jim Patikas scored in the 23rd minute.

From a cross by Zelko Jurin, Soccerroo forward Graham Arnold flicked the ball through his legs to put Patikas into the clear inside the area: the ex-Olympic dynamo made no mistake from 12 metres.

Patikas grabbed his 16th goal of the season when three minutes later he was upended in the penalty area by Glen Sterrey, after the ball had been cleared!

Patikas lifted himself off the floor, dusted himself and duly converted the penalty kick, albeit via a hand of the keeper, Catlin.

Sixteen minutes into the second half Croatia crowned their victory in style with a fine goal.

Ex-Sutherland midfielder, Shane Clinch worked a one-two on the edge of the area with David Rezo who finished off the move with a scintillating volley after Clinch had crossed.

Croatia then contrived to bottle up the match and make the victory complete by defending whatever Apia had to throw at them...which wasn't a great deal.

With the score 3-0 and victory in their keeping, the players, supporters and officials waited with 'bated breath' for the result from the Athletic Field...it was not to be their day of celebration.

Vedran Rozic claimed later, "It is all up to us now. First we must beat Marconi on Wednesday and we must be very well prepared for the match, then comes Sydney City."

The Apia dressing room was understandably somewhat withdrawn with coach Fil Bottalico just managing a huge sigh and a shrug of the shoulders.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Tom Basic, played with plenty of commitment, never shirked in defence, some of his tackles rocked the Apia forwards and his distribution was top grade.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson 7, Kovacic 7, Basic 8, Rezo 7, Rozic 7.5, Clinch 7, Jurin 6.5 (Dragicevic 46), Savor 6, Arnold, Patikas 6.5, Odzakovic 6.5 (Tomasic 56).

APIA LEICHHARDT: Catlin 7.5, Sterrey 5, Brown 6, Bertogna 6.5, Rowden 6 (Mariani 46), Steven 7, Hamilton 5.5 (Colagiuri 63), McCulloch 6, Caban 6, Dounis 6, Morsello 6.5.

CROWD: 6357 REFEREE: Don Campbell

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FARINA'S GOALS GIVE SLICKERS THE TITLE

BY DAVID JACK

FRANK FARINA, who appears to be on the outer for Australia's World Cup challenge, swept his team, Sydney City, to the northern division title in the National League yesterday.

The speedy forward shattered Canberra City in an impressive 4-2 Slickers victory - with Farina collecting three of the goals.

On this form, it is difficult to see how national coach Frank Arok can ignore Farina's claims for a place in the Socceroo squad.

The youngster has great speed plus a nose for goals. What other credentials does he require?

It will be surprising if Farina does not get a plane ticket for Auckland for Australia's first World Cup meeting with New Zealand next month.

As Slickers coach Eddie Thomson said after yesterday's win: "He is a great striker, a great player."

But it was no one-man show.

David Mitchell scored the other Slick-

ers goal and filled in admirably for the injured John Kosmina.

In his first club game here for more than two years, Mitchell had to be carried off and needed treatment for leg, back and facial injuries, causing him to comment in the dressing room: "I feel terrible."

Other Sydney City players who did much to inspire a super vic-

tory were Steve O'Connor, Alex Robertson, and Joe Watson.

Canberra had no answer to the smooth Slickers style although they did keep the issue open until immediately after half-time.

A fine Peter Burke goal equalised Farina's opener early in the game but when Mitchell put the home

side 2-1 in front in the 46th minute, Canberra fell apart.

They had a brief second half revival when Marko Perinovic made it 4-2 but were always second best.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Cant, Robertson, O'Connor, de Marigny, Gomez (P. Falconer 84), Watson, Barnes, Farina, Mitchell (Fletcher 70), Lee.

CANBERRA: Franken, Mihailidis, Burke, Byrne, Sermanni, Bryant, Gibson, Harkins, English, Dunn (Perinovic 65), Lamond. **REFEREE:** R. Davies. **CROWD:** 1,100.

WOLVES MISS RELEGATION

BY PHIL MURPHY

TEENAGE striker Pat Brodnik grabbed two of the goals as Wollongong City dodged relegation with an impressive 3-0 win over Blacktown at Wollongong Showground yesterday.

The 19-year-old rugby league convert gave the Blacktown defence a hectic afternoon and put his team ahead after 28 minutes.

He slammed the ball into the roof of the Blacktown net after a Dez Marton corner on the right had been helped on by Bernie Godzik.

With the home side dominating the middle of the field Godzik made it 2-0 after 36 minutes.

He picked up a loose ball 30 metres out and surprised goalkeeper Barry Hoare with a superb shot and the Wolves were in no danger from that point on.

The closest Blacktown came to pulling a goal back was when John Bradley powered a 25 metre drive just over the crossbar midway through the second half.

The energetic Brodnik scored Wollongong's third goal four minutes from the end after a mix-up in the Blacktown defence.

It was probably Wollongong's most impressive display of

the season with their defence giving nothing away.

Left-back Larry Gaffney had a strong game as did Godzik while Marton was always constructive in midfield.

For Blacktown Phil O'Connor looked a big threat early but was eventually blotted out of the action.

Coach Adrian Alston said after the game he was as keen as ever to retain the Wolves job next season.

Alston was adamant the club must sign at least two experienced players to ensure they don't have to fight for survival in 1986.

Gaffney was the man of the match combining strong defence with a keenness to push forward and help his strikers.

WOLLONGONG: Billington, Green, Vlietstra, Willis, Gaffney, Stefanovski, Marton, Kotamanidis, Dickson, Godzik (Glanzone 87), Brodnik.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Thornthwaite, Spanos, Wheatley, Pointer, Bourke, (Larkin 75), Knight, McKie, Bradley, Selva, O'Connor. **REFEREE:** Tim Davies. **CROWD:** 1,069.



FRANK FARINA is pictured here on the prowl for Sydney City, yesterday Farina grabbed hat-trick against his old club.

EGAN THE SUPER SCORER

LITTLE CHARLIE EGAN ended the Southern Division season in a blaze of glory when he racked up a hat trick as champions South Melbourne crushed West Adelaide 3 - 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium.

BY TOM MCKAIN

The controversial former Socceroo could have had three more goals but for a brilliant save by another former international,

goalkeeper Martyn Crook.

The scoreline, however, belied the true picture of the match which gave the fans value for money with South keeper Peter Laumets and his

crossbar denying Gary Price, Les Matiscak and Mike Genikas what looked like certain goals.

The first blow was struck in the 23rd minute when Egan powered into the box with a pass from Gary McDowell and gave Crook no chance.

West were still in the game when the second half kicked off and it was thrilling stuff - but then the crunch came and it was Egan again.

Over came a corner in the 65th minute and Egan, who has that instinctive knack of being free at the right time, latched onto the ball as it dropped at his feet and tucked it

away. Then he ran wide on the right to collect a high cross and as he carried the ball into the box, Crook came out and SA referee Jim Rossis blew for a penalty as the front runner hit the deck after the keeper dived at his feet.

Up stepped Egan to slot the ball to his left and into Crook's right hand corner in the 69th minute.

The only excuse West could make was that they were minus Youth Socceroo midfielder John Panagis, on his way to Russia, striker George Konstandopoulos (heel operation), defender Tim Brown (sus-

pended), midfielder Stever Atsalas (knee operation), and defender Brenton Hiern (flu).

But South could also claim they were minus Egan's striking partner Doug Brown (suspended) and Socceroo midfielder Oscar Crino (injured).

But the difference between the teams was Egan, and not just because he scored.

Apart from Egan, Ken Murphy was magic in midfield along with Steve Blair in the heart of the defence and for West, captain Honeyman did enough to justify being recalled to the Socceroo squad.

BRISBANE CITY president John Ciavarella announced after the last game yesterday that the position of National League coach had been declared vacant for next year.

"We are not happy with the results we've been getting. If Jim Hermiston re-applies next year he will be considered but we're looking for someone better," he said.

The after-match drama put a slur on the performance by Brisbane City who can consider themselves unlucky not to have taken both points from second placed Brunswick United.

Brisbane City's midfield surprisingly were allowed plenty of space in the first half and were able to dominate proceedings and midfielder Andrew Chapman forced Brunswick keeper Yakka Banovic into a good save with a well-hit 30 metre drive as early as the fourth minute.

Banovic produced a couple of excellent saves in the match but the best occurred in the 64th minute when his agile reflexes allowed him to put a close-range shot from Stephen Glockner onto the post.

It was one of two chances Glockner had and his other, four minutes later, resulted in a 20 metre drive hitting the same upright.

Brunswick played with only two forwards and they were unable to make much headway against a City defence in which Frank Mangotti and Glen Archer were dominant.

Fabio Incantalupo did have two shots parried by City keeper Kim Wishart but overall Brunswick were pleased to just get through the game without any injuries or suspensions.

Man of the match: FRANK MANGOTTI - he handled the strength and aggression of Joe Sweeney with ease.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Archer, Bromfield, Wilkinson, Mangotti, Chapman, Junna, Scriggins (Reis 65), Glockner, Carey (Fabrizio 65).

BRUNSWICK: Banovic, Campbell, Lewis, Brown, Dowie, Incantalupo, Miranda, Petersen, Wade, Sweeney, Zinni.

REFEREE: Bill Monterverde. **CROWD:** 647.



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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

VIC DALGLEISH, it is fair to say, was relatively unknown in soccer before his astute guidance took the Under 16 Australians to the quarter-finals of the World Championship in China.

BUT now his name and his team are on everyone's lips, excited that Australia has again shown the world what we are capable of.

Vic, however, is not one for sticking his head in the clouds and the realities of modern day sport have caught up with him quickly.

For those of you not in the know the likeable Scot is also coach of NSW State League side Avala.

Avala have won only two of their last seven matches and are now slipping away from the table-toppers ever so quickly.

Ironically the slide coincided with Dalgleish's departure to take charge of the Under 16's.

He will be hoping that whatever magic he weaved behind the bamboo curtain with the youngsters is still there now he takes over at Avala again.

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IT is really hard to fathom. What type of morons are some of those English soccer supporters?

After all the trouble in the season just passed involving the Brits, it would seem a case of the utmost idiocy that would see fans drinking like the proverbial horses before the opening match of the season in England, the coveted Charity Shield.

These fans made sure they beat the British Government's drink ban by clearing liquor store shelves like never before.

Pubs eventually had to be closed at the request of the police!

By half-time of the big match between Everton and Manchester United, 21 people had been arrested.

The reports say that thousands of supporters queued outside liquor outlets for alcohol prior to the match.

If only we in Australia could draw the crowds they get in front of the liquor stores!

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NEWS reached Soccer Weekly last week of a blasphemous occurrence involving the National Under 13 titles to be staged at Parklea.

With NSW, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, The Northern Territory and the ACT...the whole damn kaboodle on show, it should prove a festive tournament of soccer, starting from August 31.

YET if it were for some pathetic examples of soccer supporting we may well have not had the pleasure of witnessing these youngsters in action.

The story is that all the Under 13's required billeting. That was the problem.

Now with some eight squads of 16 any mathematician of note could tell you that 128 kids into the thousands upon thousands registered in NSW goes pretty nicely.

Don't you believe it!

The troubles involved could fill a novel of some repute.

IF IT WERE not for some brilliant work by Bill Lodge the majority of the Northern Territory young'uns would not have found homes.

It seems that a few of the high and mighties of our area decided amongst themselves that they would divorce themselves from any commitment involving the Under 13's.

The utter rejection to co-operate was sickening. I think it is about time some of you wealth-laden dummies get off your high-horse and do something for soccer in this state...you've neglected it too long!

Take the example of one lady with a family of eight. She claimed emphatically that she could accommodate a whole team if need be! Bravissimo!

And to think, all those glory-lovers just didn't want to know, added is the thought that the colour of the youngsters may have swayed some people...I damn well hope this is not the case!

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IT'S interesting to see how media coverage for the World Cup has gone up and up and up....

Total accreditations in England in 1966 were 1,777. There were 2,662 in Mexico in 1970, 4,616 in West Germany in 1974, 6,711 in Argentina in 1978 and a massive 7,290 in Spain in 1982.

After examining those figures, FIFA cannot be blamed for trying to trim off some of the excess.

In Mexico next year, there will be a limit of 5,000 media accreditations. This means a lot of hopeful media men are going to be disappointed when they apply.

As might be expected, the biggest increase over the past 20 years has been among television media people.

In England in 1966, there 213. In Spain in 1982, the figure had rocketed to 3,701.



CHIT CHAT

THE surface of Macquarie Field, Speers Point, the home ground of Lake Macquarie City club, is in near perfect condition. The ground was used for the Northern NSW v Red Star Belgrade game.



THE talk is on again about a merger for Adelaide City.

And it is known that some of its chiefs have met with members of the State League Azzurri club.

The latter has some wealthy backers, but it will take fast talking on both sides to complete a merger which has been brewing since the NSL kicked off.



PROMOTIONS and relegations are big talking points in the Northern NSW Soccer Federation. Wallsend which has a clear lead in Division Two may not go up even if it does win the League. Its famous Crystal Palace ground could be sold to a developer leaving the club without a home.



ONE top soccer administrator determined to get the NSL format changed is president of South Melbourne, **JIM DIAMANTARIS**.

"If we stick with what we've got, we will have no competition at all by the end of next year," said the outspoken Jim.

South Melbourne and a few other big clubs, are pushing for a return to the old format, with an elite league of 12 to 14 clubs.

Certainly, nobody would suggest that there is enough real soccer talent in Australia to spread around the present 24 NSL clubs.

But if the smaller NSL clubs vote for a smaller and better competition, they could be voting themselves out of business.

It's a tricky situation. But, as Diamantaris so correctly pointed out: "It's ridiculous for a nation like England to have 22 teams while Australia has 24."

Mark both CRAIG FOSTER and PAUL TRIMBOLI down for the future.

Both were brilliant performers in China and were two of the stars of the tournament.

Foster in particular is one to look out for. He was named in a World side selected from the 16 nations in the finals, in effect making him one of the top 12 players under 16 in the world...some feat.

Along with this he has been chosen for the NSW schoolboys side, which is dominated by fellows two years older than him.

But young Craig has taken everything in his stride as he displayed when answering questions during the press-conference at the airport.

"Of course it was a real great honour to be named in that team but it was really a team effort, all of us performed real well."



"With **BRENTON HIERN, GRAHAM HONEYMAN, GEORGE KONSTANDOPOULOS** and **ALAN SCOTT** all missing it was an emergency situation," said McGachey.

"It was nice to play again, but I could never do it every week and coach at the same time, and I now consider coaching my main concern."



DAVID MITCHELL

THE top five play-offs in the NSL look like being some of the best matches we are going to have the privilege to watch.

The Northern Division boasts an all star line-up and any one of them could go on and win the national title.

ON LEAVING for the Soviet Union, Sydney Olympic's whiz-kid winger **Chris Kalantzis** made a vow to the press that he would work miracles during the Youth championships this month.

Kalantzis was the leading goalscorer when Australia won the Oceania qualifying series in Sydney during February.

One senses that if Australia have a weakness, it may come from expecting too much from the one player...let's hope this is not the case.



FORMER Newcastle KB United player and Youth squad coach **KEITH HARRIS** is doing well as the coach of West Wallsend. Earlier this year he took over from **KEN KAISER** and has steadily brought the side into premiership contention.

In fact all three West Wallsend teams appear certain for the play-offs at the end of the season.

The club plays on the picturesque Johnsons Park under the mountain at West Wallsend, which, for reasons few people know, is commonly referred to as "Wembley."

Any resemblance to the real Wembley could only be in the imagination.

THE fast-developing holiday town of Nelson Bay has become a real growth area for soccer. Their junior club is doing well with well-balanced sides while their Division Four team is running away with the premiership. They have a beautiful playing complex built above the sandy soil which makes it a great wet weather venue. They are already preparing for Third Division in 1986.



CHRIS KALANTZIS — Promises

THERE could be another Mitchell on the National Soccer League scene next year.

Jimmy, elder brother of Socceroo **DAVID MITCHELL**, is considering another bid to make the big-time.

He almost signed for Adelaide City two years ago but work commitments caught up with him and he turned to player-coaching in the amateur league.

Now 30, but still superfit, the ball-playing striker or midfielder says it is now or never for a comeback.



WITH the Red Star tour reported to be another loss for the ASF marketing division, on top of the \$200,000 from the June series, one wonders where all the cash comes from.

There was the \$100,000 first prizemoney in June then \$20,000 a game for the four match series here, plus all travel and accommodation costs.

Who puts up the money?

ERIC WORTHINGTON NATIONAL DIRECTOR of coaching has embarked on a spying mission in England this week.

Worthington, who is travelling with the Young Socceroos will take time off to watch Australia's WYC opponents Canada.

The Canadians will finalise their Cup preparation with matches against the reserve teams from Liverpool and Aston Villa.

KEN HEALY, ASW's popular Canberra correspondent, was saddened to hear that his father-in-law Eric Hough passed away last week.

Eric was a Canberra City foundation member, a strong supporter who never missed a match in the ACT.

ASW passes on condolences to Eric's wife, Mary, and to Ken.

Eric was 70.



THE Australian Under-16 side returned last week amid a lot of hoo-ha from the general media.

A lavish press-conference including TV stations, radio and the like was organised.

The youngsters obviously a little shy and more than anything very tired got through that part of the day easy enough and then raided the Mascot Airport newsagent for any Soccer Weekly's they could find.

One senses that if the youngsters hadn't performed as well as they did, just about no reporter would have bothered with their arrival.

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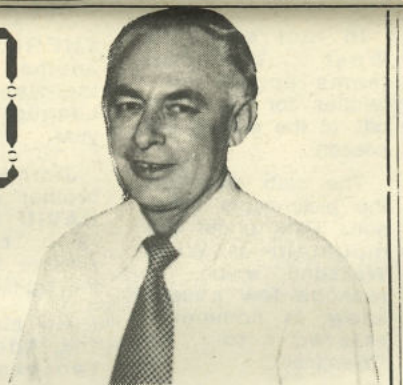
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SYDNEY CROATIA'S — YOUTH SCHEME DEVELOPMENT

THE Sydney Croatia Soccer Club, which recently announced that their National League Squad will go full time in 1986 (at present 7 players are full time), has released details of their Super Youth Development Scheme exclusively to the Australian Soccer Weekly.

The scheme has the full back of the senior club, with President Tony Basic and Secretary Mario Devic heavily involved in the initial negotiations.

Sydney Croatia has already secured the services of a young man with promotional and organisational ability in Robert Wozniak.

Croatia can be pleased with the success of appointing Maurice Gili, a brilliant and thorough organiser and promoter of the game, as Youth Secretary.

Maurice has been involved in the game for many years having

played for Melita Eagles as well as setting up their Youth System in 1984. He also held the position of secretary for a number of years with the Crest of Bankstown Soccer Club.

Together Robert and Maurice form a formidable team which has already begun negotiations with well known administrators.

Applications are now being accepted for highly paid coaching positions for teams U/11 to U/17 inclusive, goalkeeper coach, physio/trainer as well as Administrators wishing to join a forward thinking

and active committee.

All written applications, stating experience and qualifications should be forwarded to: **THE SECRETARY, CROATIA YOUTH, 39 Jacaranda Drive, GEORGES HALL, 2198.**

Before the 31st August 1985 (Enquiries 727 0748, 642 5471).

These applications will not only be considered for the 1986 season but for future seasons. Unsuccessful applicants for 1986 positions will be noted by the Youth Development Committee when they seek more people

to join Sydney Croatia in the near future.

A press function will be held in September when full details of the scheme will be released. Some brief points that will be a part of the Sydney Croatia Super Youth Development Scheme are - 1) A committee of highly motivated and competent persons.

2) High paid coaches who will be selected from the best available in Sydney.

3) Development of training and playing facilities.

4) Providing scholarships and apprenticeships for gifted players.

5) Emphasis on developing future National League Players

not in winning competitions.

6) Involvement with Sydney Croatia full time professional players.

7) Stability of the system which will provide a natural progression from the younger teams through to the National League Team for many years to come.



Sydney Croatia is to be applauded for its policy of bringing truly professional ideas to Australian Soccer and putting them into practise.

KODAK KIDS MAGNIFICENT



BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIA's Kodak Kids, the Under 16s national team that participated in the Kodak Cup recently in China, returned to Australia wondering just how good they really were in the Cup.

Nigeria went into the Final to defeat West Germany the team that Australia defeated 1-nil in round 1.

But an Australian in fact did make the Final.

Chris Bambridge, Victoria's 37 year old ace referee, was appointed to handle the Cup final, making him the first referee from Oceania to ever officiate a FIFA staged final.

On arrival at Sydney's airport, Chris told us:

hand out a red card to Nigeria's right-back in the 20th minute for persistent infringement.

Bruce Stowell, a former Rothmans Medal Winner and one of Australia's coaches on tour with Vic Dalglish, was also at the airport:

"The Kodak Cup tournament was well above my original expectations. It was magnificently organised and the Australian boys were excellent, on as well as off the pitch.

"West Germany was the best nation in the tournament in my opinion, even though we beat them 1-nil."

Stowell continued: "We beat West Germany because we were tactically better than them and well prepared. Their target man, Marcel Witczek, was constantly shut down by Australia and in fact he only managed a single shot at the target.

"This German striker went on to eventually win the Golden Boot in the Kodak Cup, that's how good he was."

When we asked Stowell for Australia's best performer in the Kodak Cup series, he proudly stated:

"I can honestly say it was a squad effort as every member of the touring side was used effectively."

But upon insisting on some special

mention the Queensland Director of Coaching went on to say: "Well the Naven twins, Gareth and Craig were very sound, as were centre-back Damien Butler, free-back and captain Robert Runje, goalkeeper Corrado Nobile and striker Paul Trimboli."

The next Kodak Cup

Championships will be held in Canada in 1987.

Both Stowell and Vic Dalglish, freshly experienced from this last Cup crusade, and having done so very well, should be rewarded and retained to commence their work from now for the Canada crusade.



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SYDNEY CROATIA — The Professionals!

STAR PROFILE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



**ZARKO
ODZAKOV**

BIRTH AND BIRTH-PLACE: 16th November 1955, Macedonia, Yugoslavia.

HEIGHT: 5'11".

MARRIED: Yes to Divna with two children, Nikola 4 and one due any time.

OCCUPATION: Full-time player with Sydney Croatia.

PLAYING POSITION: Central midfielder.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Vardar, Preston, Sydney Croatia.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Jimmy Patikas, Marshall Soper, Platini, Rummenigge.

FAVOURITE CLUBS: Sydney Croatia, Vardar, Red Star, Ajax Amsterdam.

CAR: Toyota Corona.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN SOCCER: "I didn't try hard enough in my youth back in my country to make it with a bigger club."

"Now I am very keen to do my very best for Sydney Croatia and for the Australian World Cup."

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:

"In Australia, my wife Divna. But back in Yugoslavia, Donceviski."

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS OR HOBBIES: Tennis and Skiing and most other sports.

FAVOURITE FILM STARS: Clint Eastwood and Charles Bronson.

LONG TERM AMBITIONS: To win a League championship with Croatia and to go to Mexico with Australia's World Cup team next year.

SUPERSTITIONS: I don't like the number, 7.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Madonna, Tina Turner and Wham.

MAJOR INJURIES: In 1981 I had an operation for a severe groin injury.

BEST TEAM IN RECENT INTERNATIONAL SERIES: Australia.

BEST PLAYER FOR AUSTRALIA IN SERIES: Oscar Crino and David Ratcliffe.

NATIONAL TEAM TO WORRY AUSTRALIA QUALIFYING FOR 1986 WORLD CUP: New Zealand and Israel. Both these countries are similar in standard to Australia and will not be easy to beat. New Zealand plays a typical English style of football whilst Israel is more technical with a heavily influenced European style.





THE JOHNNY WARREN PAGE

COMMONWEALTH

BANK CUP GOES TO KOGARAH

KOGARAH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL, won the 24th Commonwealth Bank Cup Final when they defeated last year's Cup winners Epping on penalties.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

The exciting, nail-biting Final was watched by a crowd of just over 3,000 at the St George Stadium.

The Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup competition in which 288 NSW High Schools participate, is the largest schoolboys, organised competition in the Southern Hemisphere.

Kogarah who won the Cup in 1983, took the lead in the 30th minute when midfielder Tom Pontidas scored a magnificent goal from just outside the box.

But late in the second half, with Kogarah a little exposed down the back chasing a second

goal, Epping came back strongly with a spectacular equalising goal by striker Neil Harris.

With the scoreline locked in at 1 all at fulltime an extra 20 minutes play was ordered by the referee.

But the scoreline still remained locked at 1 all and thus the Final was settled by a penalty shoot-out.

Kogarah proved most effective in the shoot-out as they scored three goals from four hits whilst Epping crumbled, scoring twice from five hits.

Kogarah's ace-midfielder, 17 year old Tom Pontidas, was awarded the "Johnny Warren Medal" for being Man of the Match.

Young Tom is already under contract to Sydney City and after leaving school wants to pursue his tertiary studies in engineering at University.

KOGARAH BOYS HIGH:
Petrovski, Momirovski, Chahine, Nikolovski, Saad, J. Naumovski, L. Naumovski, Markovski, Pontidas, Belcheff, Jaffar, Lazarevski.

Reserves: Fares, Grbevski, Kassira, Khamis, Ivanovski, Tranovski.

EPPING BOYS HIGH:
Pavels, Cameron, Boyd, Dewey, T. Forrest, Shelley, Dunn, Gillies, Harris, Smith, Yong-Dock-Kim.

Lacey, J. Forrest, Williams, McKee.



KOGARAH BOYS HIGH, the 1985 Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup winners.



(Above, left to right) NSW CHS State Convenor Mr Greg McNaught with Tom Pontidas and Kogarah skipper Ali Jaffar proudly holding the Cup, Johnny Warren and Commonwealth Bank P.R. Manager, Alan Turnbull.



ACTION from Cup Final as Kogarah players pressure Epping's goalkeeper.



TOM PONTIDAS, winner of the "Johnny Warren Medal" being congratulated by former Australian World Cup captain, Johnny Warren.

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QUARTER FINALS

LISMORE 4-3*
EPPING 2-1
DUVAL 3-1
NORMANHURST 4-0
JAMES COOK 6-1
WARRAWONG*
BIRRONG 2-1
KOGARAH*

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EPPING
NORMANHURST
JAMES COOK
KOGARAH 1-0

FINAL

EPPING
KOGARAH
1-1 full time
4-3 (on penalties)

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1962 Maroubra Bay
1963 Macquarie
1964 Wallsend
1965 Keira
1966 Strathfield
South and Cleveland
Street (Shared)
1967 Booragul
1968 Newcastle
Tech
1969 Booragul
1970 Berkely
1971 Meadowbank
1972 Newcastle
Tech
1973 Newcastle
Tech
1974 Wallsend
1975 Wallsend and
Booragul (shared)
1976 Bankstown
1977 Canterbury
1978 Normanhurst
1979 Normanhurst
1980 Woonona
1981 Keira
1982 Marsden
1983 Kogarah
1984 Epping
1985 Kogarah



EPPING BOYS HIGH squad, seen here just prior to the Cup Final kick-off at the St George Stadium. Epping won the Commonwealth Bank Cup last year.

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QUEENSLAND VIEW



VESSEY, VEST FOR TAIPEI

QUEENSLAND Soccer Federation secretary Alan Vessey and New South Wales director of coaching Alan Vest are among four well-respected officials who will lecture in Chinese-Taipei later this month.

They are part of a course being conducted by the Oceania Confederation for the Chinese Taipei Football Association.

The others involved are Ahmed Hussain, a refereeing official from Fiji and New Zealand sports medicine expert David Edwards.

The course is part of an on-going FIFA Coca-Cola world football development program: while neither of those bodies will be involved in the Chinese-Taipei lectures, the course will adopt the principles of one Association assisting another.

The course is similar to one staged in Papua New Guinea in 1979. Vessey attended along with National director of coaching Eric Worthington, the referees' Leo Wilson and sports medicine expert Kerry Thompson.

Vessey, who this year celebrated 10 years of service with the QSF, had one of the most difficult jobs on that tour and is expecting to face a similar task this time.

"It has been difficult to establish at what level they are operating at the moment as always in administration I think there will be some people more skilled than others," he said.

"But I learned from Papua New Guinea that an administrator had the important role in co-ordinating administration, coaching, refereeing and the media into one working unit. That will be the principle I will be trying to teach the Chinese."

"If one of those areas is not working, you have a problem."

Vessey intends to lecture on a wide range of areas including FIFA and its statutes, the structure and role of the national, local and club organisation, the staging of meetings and finance and budgeting.

He will use lessons personally learned from the World Youth Championship in 1981, and the Queensland State and Premier Leagues to highlight possible problems and acceptable solutions.

The staging of the course this year is expected to lay the groundwork for the Chinese-Taipei Association to begin planning for 1987, when it will host the Oceania group qualifying round of the World Youth Championship.

Vessey was one of the key organisers for the tournament in Sydney this year and knows well what is involved.

"Everyone learned something during that tournament but I think there is now an outline to follow and I would expect the 1987 event to be an outstanding success," he said.

NORTH AGAIN?

QUEENSLAND Ampol Cup holders North Star are hot favourites to retain the trophy against Croatian-backed intermediate league club Sunnyside at Perry Park this Sunday (August 18).

Although North Star's premier league for has been patchy in recent weeks, the side seems to come into it own in Cup football and should have too many guns for the lower leaguers.

Many considered North Star played their final when they beat Ipswich United 1-0 in the semi-finals. Sunnyside beat Bundaberg Federation by the same score to get a crack at the cup.

But North Star player-coach Iain Fagan is working overtime to ensure his side does not become over-confident about retaining the Cup, which the club won for the first time last year.

"Cup football is a great leveller and we will be affording Sunnyside the same respect we would any other side," Fagan said.

If North Star retain the trophy they will become only the third side in its 26 year history to win successive finals.

Sunnyside coach, Tony Lowndes, the former Brisbane City National League coach, is relishing the thought of his team going into the final as underdogs.

"Just reaching the final is a great day in the club's history so we have nothing to lose and everything to gain," he said.

WHACKO ... IT'S WHEELER

QUEENSLAND team striker Dave Wheeler, who was chased by National Coach Frank Arok earlier this season for his St George side, has broken a goal drought which last for more than four months.

Wheeler, 25, netted for his premier league side Coalstars in their 1-1 draw with relegation threatened Olympic United a week ago.

It was his first goal since he put one away back on April 21 in a 2-0 win over Acacia Ridge, also fighting relegation.

Wheeler's effort was a typical goal from the state squad members with the silken touches. The Englishman raced on to a through ball from Archie Fraser, attacked two defenders and slotted his shot into the net.

"I enjoyed the goal and I enjoyed the game, I was delighted to score again and hopefully I can still finish the season leading scorer," Wheeler, a visa player, said.

The goal took Wheeler's season total to six, which kept him among the leaders.

Wheeler, who was approached by St George and also made enquiries about joining Lions, is keeping his options open for 1986.

"Coalstars looked after me when I first came here so I want to do the right thing by them. But we will be re-negotiating at the end of the year and any opportunity to switch clubs will come then," he said.



ERIC
WORTHINGTON

BRISBANE SPANIARD

A HIGHLY qualified Spanish coach, who 10 years ago was considered for Australia's national coaching position has moved to Brisbane.

Juan Cutillas, 46 was among the final applicants before the Australian Soccer Federation appointed

Brian Green. Cutillas, who studied for two years to gain his Spanish FA ticket was actually offered an interview, but declined the opportunity when he was offered a well paid job in the Philippines.

The former Atletico Madrid player, who

also is a doctor and a basketball coach, has coached the Philippines National side for nearly 15 years.

The quietly spoken 46-year-old has just moved with his family to Brisbane in a bid to get involved in Australian sport.

"I have experience in a number of sports but soccer is my love. Hopefully I can get a position with a club or organisation here. If

not I may have to consider going south," Cutillas said.

Cutillas began his soccer career as a player in the youth team of Atletico Madrid and played seven games in the first team as a youngster when the club's star players were involved in European Cup commitments.

Cutillas was offered playing contracts with lower division clubs, but his father would

not let him turn professional and insisted he complete his medicine studies.

He first went to the Philippines as an exchange student in 1963 where he met his wife Maria Teresa. They have two daughters, Dina 18, and Marisa 15.

Anyone wishing to contract Cutillas can contact him through the Queensland Soccer Federation on (07) 52 5327.

PHIL REDMOND QUITS LIONS

FORMER Canberra striker Phil Redmond has made himself unavailable for the remainder of the season in a decision which has angered his club Brisbane Lions.



we won 6-0 or lost 6-0," he said.

Lions officials still hope to talk to Redmond and have him reconsider.

But Redmond, who has only played a handful of NSL matches this year but stresses that did not influence his decision, seems unlikely to go back on his decision.

"It would not be fair on the other lads if I was training only one night a week and still getting a game. This isn't a retirement announcement, it is just a decision for the moment. I will look at things again next season and make a decision on whether to play again then," he said.

Redmond's brother Tony, who was signed by Lions from Canberra earlier this season, is also having an unhappy time at Richlands. He has been unable to cement a place in the club's NSL team and recently, when playing in the Premier League team, was sent-off for alleged fighting and was suspended for a month.

Luciano Fabrizio, raises his feet in battle with a Brisbane Lions player during last weeks Brisbane match. It was a deferred match played at Richlands that the Lions won overwhelmingly, 3-0.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

A TOWNSVILLE youngster has won the first thies contractors Youth Soccer Scholarship.

Craig Collins, 14 from the Aitkenvale Club, was chosen from more than 300 youngsters throughout Queensland.

The young players were judged by a Queensland Junior Soccer Council panel which took into account each players' ability, attitude and education.

Under the \$4000 scholarship Craig, a State Under 15 representative, will attend

the annual Lufthansa Junior Soccer coaching clinic in West Germany in October.

"The standard was extremely high and it was difficult to pick a winner. But everyone concerned is confident that Craig will fit the bill and with the aid of the scholarship and the trip to Germany will develop into a fine senior players," tour organiser Mr George Pagan said.

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MEXICO 86

GROUP ONE

(One Qualifier)

Belgium, Albania, Poland, Greece

Pole position

Poland and Belgium are battling it out to make Mexico without going through the convoluted extra qualifying procedure facing the runners-up in this group. And Poland hold the whip hand, their home game against Belgium on September 11 looking decisive.

Belgium	3,	Albania	1
Poland	3,	Greece	1
Poland	2,	Albania	2
Greece	0,	Belgium	0
Albania	2,	Belgium	0
Greece	2,	Albania	0
Belgium	2,	Greece	0
Belgium	2,	Poland	0
Greece	1,	Poland	4
Albania	0,	Poland	1

TO PLAY:

Albania v Greece (undated);
Poland v Belgium (11-9-85).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	5	3	1	1	10	6	7
Belgium	5	3	1	1	7	3	7
Albania	5	1	1	3	5	8	3
Greece	5	1	1	3	4	9	3

GROUP TWO

(Two Qualifiers)

W. Germany, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Portugal, Malta

German bankers

The Germans are bankers for Mexico, peaking, as they so often do, at the right time. The race is on for second place between Sweden and Portugal. The Swedes next face the leaders while Portugal go to dispirited Czechoslovakia and with both nations yet to complete their games against Malta, it could be decided on goal-difference.

Sweden	4,	Malta	0
Sweden	0,	Portugal	1
Portugal	2,	Czech	1
W. Germany	2,	Sweden	0
Czech	4,	Malta	0
Portugal	1,	Sweden	3
Malta	2,	W. Germany	3
Portugal	1,	Portugal	3
W. Germany	6,	Malta	0
Malta	0,	Czech	0
Czech	1,	W. Germany	5
Sweden	2,	Czech	0

TO PLAY:

Sweden v W. Germany (25-9-85);
Czech v Portugal (25-9-85);
Portugal v Malta (12-10-85);
Czech v Sweden (16-10-85);
W. Germany v Portugal (16-10-85);
W. Germany v Czech (17-11-85);
Malta v Sweden (17-11-85).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W. Germany	5	5	0	0	18	4	10
Sweden	5	3	0	2	9	4	6
Portugal	5	3	0	2	8	7	6
Czech	5	1	1	3	6	9	3
Malta	6	0	1	5	3	20	1

GROUP THREE

(Two Qualifiers)

England, N. Ireland, Finland, Rumania, Turkey

Unbeaten England. Ulster grit

After a blistering start, England's goals dried up. But they remain undisputed leaders, the favourites to win this section without losing a game. With three Wembley games to come, England look safe. Now it's up to the gritty Ulstermen to overcome the challenge of Rumania and the dark-horse challenge of the dogged Finns.

Finland	1,	N. Ireland	0
N. Ireland	3,	Rumania	2
England	5,	Finland	0
Turkey	1,	Finland	2
N. Ireland	2,	Finland	1
Turkey	0,	England	8
N. Ireland	0,	England	1
Rumania	3,	Turkey	0
N. Ireland	2,	Turkey	0
Rumania	0,	England	0
Finland	1,	England	1
Finland	1,	Rumania	1

TO PLAY:

Rumania v Finland (28-8-85);
Turkey v N. Ireland (11-9-85);
England v Rumania (11-9-85);
Finland v Turkey (25-9-85);
Rumania v N. Ireland (16-10-85);
England v Turkey (16-10-85);
England v N. Ireland (13-11-85);
Turkey v Rumania (14-11-85).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	5	3	2	0	15	1	8
N. Ireland	5	3	0	2	7	5	6
Finland	6	2	2	2	6	10	6
Rumania	4	1	2	1	6	4	4
Turkey	4	0	0	4	1	15	0

GROUP FOUR

(Two Qualifiers)

Yugoslavia, E. Germany, France, Bulgaria, Luxembourg

Bulgars shock French

European Champions France received a shock when Bulgaria shouldered their way to the top of this complex group. Three straight wins have rocketed the Bulgarians into contention while France slump to third behind Yugoslavia, another strong contender for Mexico. France have two successive home games in Paris while Bulgaria's last two are away. But it's a nail-biter.

Yugoslavia	0,	Bulgaria	0
Luxembourg	0,	France	4
E. Germany	2,	Yugoslavia	3
Luxembourg	0,	E. Germany	5
France	1,	Bulgaria	0
Bulgaria	4,	Luxembourg	0
France	2,	E. Germany	0
Yugoslavia	1,	Luxembourg	0
Yugoslavia	0,	France	0
Bulgaria	1,	E. Germany	0
Luxembourg	0,	Yugoslavia	1
Bulgaria	2,	France	0
E. Germany	3,	Luxembourg	1
Bulgaria	2,	Yugoslavia	1

TO PLAY:

E. Germany v France (11-9-85);
Luxembourg v Bulgaria (25-9-85);
Yugoslavia v E. Germany (28-9-85);
France v Luxembourg (30-10-85);
France v Yugoslavia (16-11-85);
E. Germany v Bulgaria (16-11-85).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bulgaria	6	4	1	1	9	2	9
Yugoslavia	6	3	2	1	6	4	8
France	5	3	1	1	7	2	7
E. Germany	5	2	0	3	10	7	4
Luxembourg	5	0	0	5	1	18	0

GROUP FIVE

(Hungary Qualify)

Hungary, Holland, Austria, Cyprus

Hungary home

Ecstasy in Hungary where the new young team are taking Europe by storm and are now booked for Mexico;

agony in Austria where Holland's shock 1-0 win in Hungary in the final game denied the Austrians a chance of making it via the play-off system concerning groups where only one nation qualifies. Holland now have that chance.

Cyprus	1,	Austria	2
Hungary	3,	Austria	1
Holland	1,	Hungary	2
Austria	1,	Holland	0
Cyprus	1,	Hungary	2
Cyprus	0,	Holland	1
Holland	7,	Cyprus	1
Hungary	2,	Cyprus	0
Austria	0,	Hungary	3
Holland	1,	Austria	1
Austria	4,	Cyprus	0
Hungary	0,	Holland	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	6	5	0	1	12	4	10
Holland	6	3	1	2	11	4	7
Austria	6	3	1	2	9	8	7
Cyprus	6	0	0	6	3	18	0

GROUP SIX

(Two Qualifiers)

Russia, Denmark, Norway, Switzerland, Rep of Ireland

Irish can do it

Without doubt the tightest of the seven groups. With one win, the Irish bounced from bottom to top only for Denmark to depose them three days later by hammering Russia. The Irish can make it... if they improve on a dreadful away record when they visit Switzerland and Russia. But the odds and fixtures favour Denmark and Russia for Mexico.



R. Ireland	1,	Russia	0
Norway	0,	Swiss	1
Denmark	1,	Norway	0
Norway	1,	Russia	1
Swiss	1,	Denmark	0
Norway	1,	R. Ireland	0
Denmark	3,	R. Ireland	0
Swiss	2,	Russia	2
R. Ireland	0,	Norway	0
Russia	4,	Swiss	0
R. Ireland	3,	Swiss	0
Denmark	4,	Russia	2

TO PLAY:

Swiss v R. Ireland (11-9-85);
Russia v Denmark (25-9-85);
Denmark v Swiss (9-10-85);
Norway v Denmark (16-10-85);
Russia v R. Ireland (16-10-85);
Swiss v Norway (13-11-85);
R. Ireland v Denmark (13-11-85);
Russia v Norway (undated).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Denmark	4	3	0	1	8	3	6
Rep. of Ireland	5	2	1	2	4	4	5
Swiss	5	2	1	2	4	9	5
Russia	5	1	2	2	9	8	4
Norway	5	1	2	2	2	3	4

GROUP SEVEN

(One Qualifier)

Scotland, Wales, Iceland, Spain

Wales - Scotland crunch

The Wales v Scotland game will decide which nation makes it from what is now a water-tight group. Spain finish at home to Iceland and, if they take two points, will top the group if the British sides draw. But an outright victory for either British side will wholly eliminate the other! Quite a finale.

Iceland	1,	Wales	0
Spain	3,	Wales	0
Scotland	3,	Iceland	0
Scotland	3,	Spain	1
Wales	2,	Iceland	1
Spain	1,	Scotland	0
Scotland	0,	Wales	1
Wales	3,	Spain	0
Iceland	0,	Scotland	1
Iceland	1,	Spain	2

TO PLAY:

Wales v Scotland (11-9-85);
Spain v Iceland (25-9-85).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	5	3	0	2	7	3	6
Wales	5	3	0	2	6	5	6
Spain	5	3	0	2	7	7	6
Iceland	5	1	0	4	3	8	2

Next Week: How the rest of the world stand.

ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

WOLLONGONG Macedonia officials were far from complimentary about Pioneer Park after their scoreless draw with Gladesville recently.

Macedonia secretary Bob Kezovski described the playing surface as very similar to the Sahara Desert.

"There was no grass at all there and the ball bounced all over the place," he said.

"It was a shame such an important game had to be played on such a terrible ground; Sydney players and officials certainly can't complain about our ground at Berkeley after this."

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Fairy Meadow's reserve grade side are claiming a record.

They say it took them just five seconds to score a goal in the recent game against Polonia at Memorial Park.

The goal was credited to striker Robbie Dipietro after three other players had touched the ball from the kick-off.

It was a sign of things to come for Polonia as Fairy Meadow went on to win the game 11-0.

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Bulli have proved that a team can recover from a bad start to the season and win the premiership.

Norm Flanagan's side had a nightmare start to 1985 when they travelled south to meet Port Kembla at Wetherill Park and were thrashed 6-1.

"We got our act together after that and the boys have worked hard to get results," Flanagan said after their 3-2 win over Aris gave them the premier league title.

Consistency has certainly been the key to Bulli's success as they kept getting results while the likes of Aris, Cringila, Warilla and Fernhill lost vital points.

Flanagan now aims to make amends for last year's 5-1 grand final defeat and he has every right to feel confident of taking the double.

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West-Figtree are near the end of one of their worst seasons on record, having slipped right down the table.

For coaches Luke Robaard and Phil Carr 1985 has been a disaster compared to the success they have enjoyed in previous seasons.

Towards the end of the season they have taken the opportunity to blood several under 19 players looking towards next year.

One of the youngsters, John Clare, has indicated he is more than ready for premier league.

He scored a hat-trick as Figtree swamped bottom-of-the-table Oak Flats 6-0 at Keith Bond Oval.

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Illawarra referees are starting to make their mark.

Phil Torpy had his most important appointment to date when he ran the line for the National Cup final between Preston and Sydney Olympic.

Torpy, 28, has been handling Illawarra games on Saturdays and doubling up in Sydney on Sundays and his hard work is starting to pay dividends.

ON THE GRAPEVINE

WITH TOM MCKAIN

LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE BOYS!

WHILE officials and fans are still arguing about the latest international series fiasco, the Socceroos appear to have been overlooked.

Though it was a blow not to see AEK Athens and Eindhoven from Holland, the performance of the Australian players was magnificent.

To beat an overseas club side twice after losing the opening match is quite a feat.

You can surprise the best once, but to come back and win 4-1, then lose 4-1 and finish up with a 4-0 win against a professional club side is something quite important.

And this was done with a squad carrying several injuries and against a team which was just starting out on its new season.

Previously the critics have said the overseas teams were tired and not interested after a hard season.

Red Star had everything to gain and their players were fighting for places.

Coach Frank Arok also proved that the Socceroos now have depth, particularly up front.

Take away Marshall Soper and John Kosmina and who would have thought we could take out the last game 4-0?

Jim Patikas and David Mitchell thought we could, and proceeded to show us how.

Ian Gray slotted in nicely at the back, while Mike Petersen has proved he can work in midfield.

And despite the 4-1 drubbing in Adelaide, Robbie Dunn and Graham Honeyman proved they can deputise at the back.

How long will the list be by the time the top five play-offs are completed?

And how fresh will the Socceroos be for games which will be sudden death affairs?

The international series certainly gave our players a ton of experience against professional teams, but now there is a



Zarko Odzako, fist raised after scoring.

chance it will all backfire.

Before this latest series, there were those who wondered if, in fact, we could qualify for the World Cup finals, despite the triumph against Udinese, Vasco da Gama and Tottenham Hotspur in June.

There now seems to be more optimism,

even if we do have to play Scotland, Spain or Wales.

However, there is a danger for the qualifying games with Israel, New Zealand and Taiwan.

Kosmina, Mitchell, Oscar Crino, Charlie Yankos, Terry Greedy and Graham Jennings are all carrying injuries.

KODAK CUP RESULTS QUARTER-FINALS

In PEKING: West Germany beat China 4-2.

In TIANJIN: Guinea beat Australia 4-2 on penalties (0-0 after extra time).

In DALIAN: Brazil beat Saudi Arabia 2-1.

In SHANGHAI: Nigeria beat Hungary 3-1.

SEMI-FINALS

West Germany 4, Brazil 3, Nigeria 1, 4 pens
Guinea 1, 2 pens.

THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF

Brazil beat Guinea 4-1 to take third place in the first Kodak Cup Under-16 world football tournament in Peking.

Brazil led 1-0 at half-time in the play-off for third and fourth places, after a 10th-minute goal by Edilson Vergilio.

Mauricio Peres added a second in the 43rd minute and William de Oliveira got the third in the 53rd minute. Sylla Mohamed pulled one back for Guinea in the 67th minute before Bismarck Faria made it 4-1 seven minutes later.

FINAL

Nigeria 2, West Germany 0.



Rival captains, John Kosmina and Zlatko Krmpotic pictured at an official function preceding the international tournament.

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ARAB MECCA!

IN recent years, no fewer than 60 coaches from Arab countries have attended seminars at Brazil's Football Academy.

Nobody plays soccer better than the Brazilians so it is only logical for coaches from many nations to travel to Brazil to learn.

But how many Australian coaches have taken the trouble?



'OZ HEROES OF THE PAST'

ATTI ABONYI is without doubt one of the greatest Australian footballers ever to pull on the green and gold.

A quiet passive fellow off the field he was always in the thick of attacking action for his clubs and country.

He was elegance and artistry personified.

Abonyi looked and moved like his look-alike, ballet star Nureyev...many footballers have been 'tagged' with this resemblance on the field but Abonyi was the epitome of silken brilliance.

He like Nureyev, was a light, breezy, almost aesthetic figure, dancing his waltzes and tangos, mesmerising opponents and bewitching spectators.

When he joined the famed St. George Budapest club as a celebrated starlet from Melbourne, he had behind him his superb 1967 Vietnam Tournament achievements with a glut full of goals. For the Saints, the much admired "Atti" gave many great displays, scoring some unforgettable goals.

One felt enormous regret when in the World Cup Finals match against eventual champions West Germany, his rasping drive from just inside the area hit the post—a goal against Beckenbauer's side would have created history for Australia and Abonyi himself, it would have crowned an enigmatic and glorious career.

Atti has now moved into coaching. He is now with the Rockdale Ilinden club in the State League after initially being with Sydney Croatia.

JUNIOR SCENE

BILL TURNER CUP 1985

THE final of the 1985 Bill Turner Cup will be played at Macquarie Field, Speers Point on Wednesday night August 21 commencing at 7.45 pm.

The two finalists will come from among Belmore Boys High, Oxley High (Tamworth) Glendale High and Corral High or Canberra High.

The semi-finals will be decided on the same ground the previous night. At 6pm Belmore plays Corral or Canberra while at 7.30 Oxley meets Glendale.

Glendale, under coach Jim Gilbert will be out to create a record by winning the cup for the second time. In 1981 they defeated Cessimal in the classic final at Macquarie Field. The following year they lost the final to Bankstown Boys.

To get to the decider they will have to play top soccer as their

opponents Oxley are a very skilful side. Newcastle fans saw Oxley in action recently when they defeated St Francis Xavier, Hamilton at Adamstown Oval.

They appeared overawed in that game but once they found their feet Xavier had no answer to their obvious skills.

Corral always has a top side and to win the South Coast Area section was an outstanding achievement. Their victory over J.J. Cahill had to be decided on penalties.

Belmore Boys is situated in a strong soccer area. Their last game was a classic 1-0 win over the powerful Epping side.

Canberra will be

making the journey to Macquarie Field for the first time. No doubt their side is the dark horse of the tournament. A number of their players have received top level coaching at the Institute of Sport.

As added attractions on Wednesday evening there will be two early fixtures.

At 5.15 the third place play-off will be between the beaten semi-finalists. At 6.30 the Rudy Roth Trophy, a KO series for girls will be decided between Ku-ring-gai Cup winners or finalists Warners Bay and Gateshead.

The 1985 Bill Turner Cup is sponsored by the Northern NSW Soccer Federation and the Oak Dairy Company.

with
TONY RACITI



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS SOCCER FEDERATION

BACKGROUND: The National Schools Soccer Federation has been conducting National Schools Championships since 1975.

At each championship an Australian Schools side is chosen. However over the years the sides chosen have not had a regular programme of representative and international fixtures.

Many International and National League players have been chosen in past Australian Schools sides. It is clear that a REGULAR programme of fixtures will improve the credibility of the Australian Schools Soccer Federation.

In 1978 an Australian Schools side toured Canada and the USA. Despite this successful tour there

have been no internationals to date.

The Australian Soccer Federation feels that regular internationals are essential — the ASF recognise the role and contribution of Schools Soccer in the development of Youth players and recognise that one of the most desirable aspects of the side is that the competition for places is open to all secondary school students.

Therefore players who may miss selection in the National Youth side still have the opportunity for top class representative soccer.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS SOCCER FEDERATION U/20 SIDE U.K. TOUR — JANUARY 1986

IN January 1986 an ASSF U/20 side will tour the United Kingdom.

The side will leave on December 29, 1985 and play 9 games, including internationals against England and Wales.

The tour follows extensive discussions in England during 1984.

The possibility also exists of a further international being played in SE Asia on the way home.

The Squad will be chosen at the ASSF National titles to be held in Canberra from September 2nd-6th.

The students chosen will have played at Zone, Regional and State level before being selected for the ASSF side. They have certainly earned their selection for this 'trip

of a lifetime'. You will find enclosed in this document an outline of the costs involved for each student and a provisional itinerary. I have also enclosed some publicity about the tour: which has been featured in the Australian Soccer Weekly.

The tour has the approval and support of The Australian Soccer Federation, State Education Departments, The Australian Secondary Schools Sports Federation and the National Youth Coach.

If you require any more information about the tour please do not hesitate to contact me.

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SCHOOLS TITLES UPSET PLANNING

BRISBANE LIONS always has had a commitment to youth but the policy was highlighted last week when the club announced it may have to ask for a Premier League postponement because of schoolboy representative commitments.

Three Lions players, David Hunter, Richard Van Wyn and Andy Jones, are in the Queensland schoolboys team which will contest the national championships in Canberra in the first week in September.

As an Australian team to travel to Britain will be selected at the titles, all three are keen to attend.

But the carnival clashes with the last round of Premier League fixtures.

Queensland Soccer Federation rules permit a club to seek a postponement if it has more than two players on representative duty.

But the twist comes with the definition of David Hunter's status

He was until six weeks ago a regular Premier League player.

But he was given a chance in the NSL and has not looked back since.

The National League finishes on August 18 and already the QSF has been forced into a situation of declaring which players will be permitted to drop back into the Premier League from the NSL.

If the 18-year-old Hunter is deemed still eligible for Premier League, then Lions almost certainly will ask for a postponement of their last round fixture against Coalstars.

But there could be further repercussions

for the QSF. The match is Coalstars' home tie. The club does not have suitable lights for the game to be rescheduled to a mid-week date and the following weekend has been set aside for the knockout semi-final.

The Federation could be forced to either switch its semi-final program, or take the Premier League game away from Coalstars — something the club no doubt would not be happy about.

Former Brisbane City NSL coach Tony Lowndes — who like Tommy Docherty claims to have had "more clubs than Jack Nicklaus" — may have found home.

"There is a lot of work to be done, but it looks to be a great challenge. I think maybe it's time to settle down and I believe Sunnyside would be a great club. I have never met such friendly people," he said.

The club will consider Lowndes' request and possible make an announcement on Cup eve.

WE WANT YOUR JUNIOR NEWS!

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TURNER CUP NEARING FINAL

THE Bill Turner Cup is surging towards the two night final series to be held at Macquarie Field Speers Point on August 20 and 21.

On Tuesday night the two semi-finals will be played with the two winners meeting on the Wednesday evening. The play off for third position will also be decided.

The last sixteen schools will give some idea of how far afield the competition reaches. Tweed River, Forster or Orara, Kotara, Glendale, Oxley (Tamworth), St Francis Xavier Hamilton, St Edwards Gosford, Killarney Heights, Epping Boys, Colyton, Marist Bros Auburn, Belmore Boys, J.J. Cahill, Corrimall, Canobolas and Canberra.

Since then Glendale defeated Kotara 3-0, Oxley d St Francis Xavier Hamilton 2-1, St Edwards Gosford d Killarney Heights 2-1, Belmore Boys d Marist Bros Auburn 3-1 and Epping Boys d Colyton 2-0.

After a couple of indifferent displays Glendale put it together against Kotara in their 3-0 win. Glendale won the cup back in 1981 when they defeated Corrimall. They almost made it two in a row but Bankstown pipped them in the final.

Oxley had to come

from behind to beat St Francis Xavier at Adamstown Oval. They appeared a little overcrowded early but finished very strongly. Their match against St Edwards College Gosford to be played in Tamworth should be a beauty.

St Edwards did well to defeat Killarney Heights 2-1 in extra time at Melita Stadium on Monday night July 29. On the same programme Belmore Boys reached this years semi-finals when they outlasted Epping Boys in a 1-0 cliffhanger.

Many South Coast followers believe that this year cup champions will come from the winner of the Corrimall v J.J. Cahill clash. Both sides appear very strong.

Canobolas are again the Far West champions and are determined to put an end to Canberra High's challenge.

Up on the North Coast rain has caused many problem and Tweed River High are awaiting the outcome of the Orara v Forster encounter. This is the first time a team from so far north has reached the final sixteen.

TIGERS ON TOUR

TEAM MEMBERS: J. Wilkinson (manager), R. Judge, P. Walker, T. Bloom, P. Banbury, T. Milner, J. Rainbird, D. Jeffs, R. Wilkinson, R. Jones, D. Lovett, C. Mendel, M. Power, P. Lovett (coach).



TIGERS ON TOUR

YOUTH LEAGUE COACHES FOR 1986

BLACKTOWN CITY SOCCER CLUB

Coaches are now being invited to apply for next year's Under 13s, 14s, 15s and 16s.

Please apply in writing, stating qualifications and previous experience.

Closing date is August 29

Applications should be forward to:

Mr Casey De Bruin
Blacktown City S.C.
P.O. Box 98
SEVEN HILLS, NSW. 2147



TOP ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Pasquale Guerrera, Cesa Farfan, Lee Ashdown (captain), John Ashdown (coach), George Kamencak, John Uerreiro, Peter Zuzza, Mark Rapallo.

BOTTOM ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Craig Allingham, Danny Spigone, Constantine Micos (goalkeeper), Paul Rubio, Jeoff Cutter, Peter Mastoris. Absent from Photo Ricardo Amorim.

WAVERLEY COLLEGE 1st XI SOCCER 1985

PRE SEASON MATCHES 1985

Waverley VS Waverley

St Laurences (Brisbane) Won 2-0, St Andrews Won 5-1, St Patricks Won 2-0, Sydney Grammar Won 2-0, St Pius Won 7-2.

INAUGURAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS CUP 1985

Waverley VS Waverley

Cranbrook Won 2-1, Sydney Grammar Won 1-0, St Aloysius Won 2-1, Knox (Final) Lost 0-1.

COMBINED ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS 1985

Waverley V'S Waverley

St Aloysius Won 1-0, Cranbrook Won 1-0, Knox Won 3-1, Trinity Won 1-0, Barker Won 2-1.

Runners up for the Inaugural Independent Schools Cup 1985. Champions of CAS (Combined Associated Schools) 1985.

BRIAN DENE — ON THE VERGE OF A BREAKTHROUGH

ASW believes that the utmost should be done to encourage youngsters and aspiring champions in the quest for football stardom.

Well, Ku-ring-gai's Brian Dene is one such fellow working hard towards his ultimate dream of representing his country.

But he realises that before he gets anywhere near his own personal goal there are other obstacles to encounter and subsequently conquer.

Primarily, to break into his club's first grade side and grab a position for keeps.

Ku-ring-gai coach Dennis Ford has already realised the potential of the 21-year-old midfielder, having given him a taste of the State League earlier this season. But the young flame haired tyro having had the entree, now understandably wants the main course and badly!

"Who knows, one day maybe," claims Dene.

At the moment a first team spot will do. Deano claims his most memorable match to date was leading Marsden High to victory over Punchbowl High in the Tasman Cup (now Common-

wealth Bank Cup) in 1982.

"After that came selection in the 1982 Combined High Schools side, completing an amazing sequence for me in that time," he said.

A family man at heart, Dene claims his parents had a big influence on his football career.

"My junior coach Barry Walker was a great help and lately Raul Blanco and Vic Dalglish have assisted me tremendously."

Dene's heroes are

Inter-Milan's Liam Brady, Charlie George and Kevin Keegan.

The Hertfordshire born youngster, who enjoys various things ranging from rock bands, comedians and monkeys, says when asked his long term ambition "Just to achieve as much as possible in soccer, whether it is through club level or any other, I want to enjoy what I do."

If Brian Dene realises his dream of international stardom let us hope he and many others can enjoy it.

PAUL'S BIG STEP FORWARD

PAUL BAGGERIDGE is the only boy from Albury to win selection in the Riverina Regional Soccer team.

He played in the NSW Primary Schools soccer championships which were held in Kiama from July 9 to July 11.

This boy has great ambitions. He trains had at least twice a week and at other time he never lets the ball stop rolling.

Paul moved from the Albury Hume Primary School team to the Riverina side.

He also plays for Albury United and admits his aim is to reach the top.

YOUTH LEAGUE

MARCONI NOTCHES

A DOUBLE

A CROWD in excess of 1500 were in attendance at the Gabbie Stadium on Saturday to witness the culmination of the State's leading junior soccer competition — the joint NSW Soccer Federation and Amateur Youth League Metropolitan Championship finals.

After a lengthy series of midweek quarter-finals, semi-finals and numerous replays, the 30 participating National League, State League and Association clubs, three NSL clubs shared equal billing with representation in the Grand Finals.

For the first time in the history of the Youth League, the competition was graded into three groups with clubs being classified in one of either three divisions based on their strength.

In the end there was no doubt whatsoever that the gradings proved to be correct as seven out of the eight participating finalists were teams based in Group A.

In the Under 13 final Marconi beat Illawarra 3-2 in a hard fought thrilling encounter.

Marconi lead their respective competition throughout the entire season and their efforts were rewarded with goals coming from John Rancic, Paul Okon and Tom Milicevic.

Sydney Olympic and Melita Eagles played a 2-all draw in extra time in the Under 14 final.

Olympic led 2-0 with just a few minutes remaining, with goals being scored by Michael Tsingolis and George Sorras.

But to Melita's credit they fought back magnificently notching two goals virtually on full-time through Greg Dickinson and Ronnie Heaps.

Olympic are very unlucky to have to be involved in a replay as when they led 2-0, they missed four clear cut scoring opportunities.

Overall Olympic were by far the better side and dominated the match throughout.

Sydney Olympic easily accounted for Apia Leichhardt in the Under 15 final with a convincing 3-0 victory.

Olympic had to play extra-time in their drawn semi-final clash with Illawarra on Wednesday and the following evening in the replay, and then had to play the final just 24 hours later.

Under the circumstances, Olympic did extremely well and their goals were scored by Steve Refenes (2) and Darren Corbett.

In what was by far the best match of the day in the Under 16 final, Marconi finally ended Apia Leichhardt's dominance in this age group over the past three seasons, with an exciting end to end attacking encounter with a 2-1 win.

Marconi grabbed both their goals within a five minute period just after half-time through Neil Esho and a fine individual goal from Kevin Vella.

For Apia Dean Radice converted a penalty with seven minutes remaining, and in a nail biting finish Marconi's defence held firm.

NORTHERN NSW STATE FIRST DIVISION ROUND 17 AUGUST 18

Maitland Magpies 2 Weston Bears 2, Adamstown Rosebud 3 Cardiff 1, West Wallsend 1 Belmont-Swansea 2, Highfields Azzurri 1 Central Coast Assn 0, Lake Macquarie City 0 Austral United 0.

DEFERRED MATCHES 2nd DIVISION

Wallsend 3 — Edgeworth 0.

1st DIVISION

Austral 1 Lake Macquarie 0, Central Coast 5, Highfields 1.

ON THE WRITE LINE . . .

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If you want to get something off your chest, have a complaint, praise something or someone, express your thoughts on a player or just plain suggest something, drop us a line.

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On the Write Line,
P.O. Box 406 Broadway, 2007
Sydney, NSW.

LET'S LOOK IN HINDSIGHT

Dear Sir,

WHEN the smoke has cleared and some time has passed, I would like to make some observations on the incidents before, during, and after the so called "Pratten Park Riot."

Everyone associated with soccer would agree that what happened to soccer's reputation and public appeal at Pratten Park was devastating. Not only did it place a cross against soccer in Australia, but made the job of establishing soccer as the major or premier sport in Australia a whole lot more difficult.

Putting this major hurdle aside for the moment, and looking at the game itself, Sydney Olympic playing Sydney City always suggests a competitive, tough and dramatic game; especially with City chasing a possible championship and Olympic trying to cement a place in the top four. But, by no means, does this give some players the right to behave as they did.

Gerry Gomez and Marshall Soper should have been sent off for their first scuffle. Excusing players for violent behaviour aggravates already aggressive and excited fans, and is asking for trouble. Players being let off with only yellow cards gives them the opportunity to again produce violent, crowd stirring play. We all know what happened after that Sunday afternoon. Referees and ASF, wake up eliminate violence in the game.

A classic example of a physical team is Sydney City. I strongly disagree with Eddie Thomson's claim that they are not a rough or physical team. I need only to draw people's attention to City's game against Marconi (July 14). Five yellow cards and one red card were shown to Sydney City players. For people watching, they would have seen usual antics of Sydney City. The referee Don Campbell, in the process of sending off Steve O'Connor, was argued with by O'Connor and John Kosmina.

I can point out other games where similar incidents and violent play have occurred for the unblind soccer follower to see. For example, the game City played against Sydney Croatia at the Athletic Field.

Here it also "rained yellow ... not goals" to the point where onfield violence was so bad, that SBS was not in position to show some of the game and violent play; again City players were the major offenders.

City players, when frustrated, seem to take the aggression out on other players, rather than directing their aggression playing better, crowd-pleasing soccer. I would echo comments made by Mike Johnson, July 15.

... by general consent within the game, Sydney City is an aggressive team.

The disciplinary record of the individual members is probably the worst in the league ...

Someone has to stop the unnecessary body contact and violence in soccer which has slowly crept into the game with tough teams like Sydney City.

No one can say that violent play on the field does not trigger spectator violence, but spectator violence should not be excused either.

Why doesn't the ASF consider cracking

down on foul play in the game itself, in combating spectator violence? Spectators may not then feel cheated, when paying \$5 to see a game which is a rough and scrappy derivate of the game we call soccer.

J. Ivancic,
Sydney NSW

ED - Simply summed up — you'd have to be a right idiot to say that rough play on the field will automatically trigger spectator violence. If these so-called 'spectators' feel that a foul on the ground deserves foul play off it — then they should have their heads examined!

As you said crowd violence CANNOT be excused and if anyone feels that they cannot restrain themselves to a few well-chosen 'cat-calls' and the like when something occurs that they don't appreciate, then for heaven's sake, stay home and don't bother turning up!

NO BOOS FOR ROOS PLEASE!

Dear Sir,

LAST Sunday I attended the Australia versus Red Star Belgrade game and watched a well deserved win to the Socceroos.

During the game it made me sick in the stomach to witness a section of the crowd booing the Australian team and urging on Red Star. I've come to the conclusion that there is no such thing as "Australian" soccer!

Soccer in Australia is run by ethnic clubs who couldn't care less whether Australians play or not. The whole set-up is nothing short of pathetic. It amazes me when you see Rugby League and Australian Rules being advertised to attract crowds to local competition games. One game of Rugby League last Sunday attracted 21,000 spectators as against 7,000 at the soccer international!

Yet, it takes all your time to find out details of the so called "International Series." Perhaps the committee are too ashamed to advertise the fact that they are asking \$15 a seat at St George's home ground, Barton Park.

To finish this letter on a positive note; at least when the Socceroos play overseas in foreign countries and the crowd boo them, they should feel quite homesick and it may even give them "home ground" advantage!

P. Lorgier,
Punchbowl, NSW

ED - In the editorial last week I lashed out a little at this same occurrence. It is a tricky situation — because most ethnics are very nationalistic but it doesn't, as you say, give them the right to boo Australia.

As for the price of the tickets, \$15 was more than a trifle inflated.

And as for the Aussies being booed overseas — quite possibly the experience they gain at home could well do them the world of good.

IN LOVE WITH THE ROUND BALL

Dear Sir,

I'M a soccer fan who agrees with your prestigious paper's thoughts regarding the support the Socceroos need and deserve.

I would love to go to New Zealand, when the Socceroos meet the Kiwis, but unfortunately due to the financial situation I can't do so. Instead I will attend the match between Australia and Israel in Melbourne. Could you inform me on whether tickets for that match can be bought somewhere in Sydney or should I buy them at the ground in Melbourne?

Thank you very much for your information.

Another point that I would like to mention, is that I agree with John Warren when he says that soccer is discriminated against by the media.

If you read *The Daily Telegraph* on Monday 29.7.85 you could see the big headlines on the front page, it read: MAN DIES IN SOCCER TRAGEDY.

I thought it was another riot or something; amazingly, the man had a heart attack while playing soccer, it had nothing

HIGHEST MORNING SALE IN NSW

(ABC ADDED)

The Daily
Telegraph

Phone 233 3000 SYDNEY, MONDAY, JULY 29, 1985

RL player critical

Man dies in soccer tragedy

A SERIOUSLY injured rugby league player waited for more than an hour under observation in an overcrowded hospital casualty ward while doctors fought to save the life of a critically ill soccer player.

The soccer player, Edward Manning, 41, of suburban Waverley Bay, died soon after being taken to New South Wales Hospital. He collapsed while playing in a Christian Church soccer match at Broadmeadow. The league player, Erik Christensen, 28, from the South Newcastle club, was taken to the "Mater" hospital about the same time on Saturday despite a crowded casualty ward. He died of a heart attack. The soccer player was taken to the Royal Newcastle Hospital. The league player was taken to the Mater hospital. The soccer player was taken to the Royal Newcastle Hospital. The league player was taken to the Mater hospital.

to do with the game.

One can have a heart attack while watching TV or having a cup of coffee.

Anyone not reading the full article must have thought there had been another brawl out there somewhere. In the same article, but with fine print, we could read that a rugby league player had fractured his skull during a match. He must have received a very big blow on the head. There were no sensational comments about that.

Now tell me, if that isn't discrimination against soccer, then what is it?

M. Bideau,
Dulwich Hill, NSW

ED - Right on!

Soccer has been given a rough old time in the media of late. Following tragedies such as Bradford and Brussels along with Pratten Park here in Australia, the general media has looked to rubbish our beloved game as much as possible — it makes you sick.

It's hard to do much about it though, as your example proves and that article Johnny Warren highlighted a fortnight ago.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Dear Sir

AS a soccer follower of many years, I could not let this season finish without stating my feelings on the partisan draw for the finals of the Metropolitan Youth League.

The teams who came first in each division were afforded two chances of reaching the final six teams.

Of the teams who came second, only Sydney Olympic was given two chances and Blacktown Assoc and Baulkham Hills only one — why the favoritism to Sydney Olympic?

The teams running 3rd and 4th were given a draw that could only be described as a clear passage, allowing at least a 3rd or 4th place getter a guaranteed spot in the final six. This opportunity did not apply to Blacktown City.

I do not understand the mentality of the powers that be who

allow resentment to come into our sport by continually making political decisions while on the other hand stating that they want to encourage our youth and make soccer the No.1 code.

We were looking forward to watching the 13's games last Saturday, regardless of who was playing and planned a full day out at the soccer, but what did we find? All the games on at the same time. Surely a field could have been allocated to each age group and the games played one after the other allowing spectators to watch, players to watch each other and coaches to watch for next year's selections. Needless to say a lot of revenue was lost to the host club because of this — including mine. I stayed at home instead.

Mrs D. Tait,
South Windsor, NSW

ED - You've stumped me! How can teams running 3rd and 4th be given a clear passage?

It sounds as if the Metro League has got a bit of work to do, to get some sanity prevailing.

GIVE YOUNG 'UNS A GO!

Dear Sir,

I AM disappointed that my letter is not one of the happy ones but one of a rather sad situation.

I am a Melita Eagles supporter who has been attending regular Melita matches each Sunday. However of late I have been disappointed with their performances from week to week.

What I am worried about at present is that young players like Andrew Callahan, John Gregson (who I might add is an Australian Youth International) and Craig Williams are not given the opportunity to hold a first grade spot. These players are only a few, but they play an excellent game of football and display a top performance for their club each week.

They are excellent at what they do so I feel their efforts should be rewarded. Melita's performance is not up to standard at present so I can't understand why some changes are not being made. If present players aren't performing to the best of their ability, why can't they be replaced by such excellent, young and competent players.

Concerned Supporter

ED - In fairness, lately a few changes have been made but it may be 'after the horse has bolted.'

GIVE NEWCASTLE A GO!

Dear Mr Anderson,

I don't think for one minute you saw the Newcastle v Sydney City game.

(I do know you were there at some period).

For goodness sake give the Newcastle boys some credit they really played a good game against all the Australian WORLD CUP STARS. I don't know where the fog was where Joe Watson was playing, he must have been in the middle of the field in the mud.

As you mention Clint Gosling. What about when Newcastle got three goals off Terry Greedy in ten minutes, not a thing was mentioned about that!

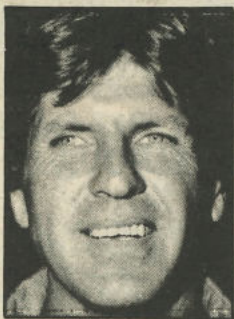
I was very upset to see the state of that field and first time in my life I have seen a field being mopped up with a mop and bucket.

Lesley James,
Waratah West, NSW

ED - Are you a Newcastle supporter by any chance?!

ALAN VEST

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RED STAR WIND-UP

BY PHIL MURPHY

RED STAR BELGRADE wound up their Australian tour with a 2-1 win over Wollongong City at Wollongong Showground but proved a big disappointment to the Yugoslav fans who turned up to watch them.

They looked lethargic after playing four games in the space of the week but did come to life early in the second half after Wollongong took the lead.

The locals shocked Red Star into action when Larry Gaffney sliced open their defence to enable Rade Stefanovski to hammer a good shot into the roof of the net.

That goal came after 49 minutes and in the 63rd minute Red Star levelled through Bosco Djurovski.

Zlatko Krzdevic scored the winner 11 minutes from the end. Wolves goalkeeper Sean Billington getting a hand to the shot but being unable to stop it.

Wollongong could easily have taken the lead just before that, replacement Phil Matias sending a cross from the left into the goalmouth but there was no-one on hand to push it over the line.

Wollongong turned in a determined performance with centre-backs Ray Vlietstra and Peter Willis outstanding.

Scott Dickson was the pick of their midfield in a game of very few clear-cut scoring chances.

A crowd of more than 1,600 watched the game and provided Wollongong club with a slight profit on the \$14,000 they paid out.

NSW STATE TEAM

IT was a great performance by the NSW State Team in their 5-0 win over the Young Socceroos at St George Stadium.

Included in the squad were several players who have played for Australia in World Youth Cup finals and in the years since, showed how much they have matured. Particularly the front three of Robbie Slater, Grant Lee and David Lowe all are very quick, turn defenders well, are good at running at defenders and are pretty good in the finishing department.

David Lowe took all his goals well but his last one in particular was a delight to watch, turning his

opponent and then calmly chipping the keeper from twenty yards. Certainly these and other players in the squad are well worth a close watch for full national squad duty.

The Young Socceroos in their final game before embarking on the World Cup trail have to realise that there is no easy game in soccer. To be top players, they have to perform consistently. I'm sure that with their build up in Holland Jimmy Shoulder will have them all in peak form for their first

game in Russia.

Everyone in Australia is right behind them and wishes them the best of luck in Russia, for the record the NSW teams was: Gibson (Penrith), Pezzano (Sydney City), Rodriguez (Sydney City), Robertson (Sydney City), Bertogna (Apia Leichhardt), Gomez (Sydney City) Savor (Sydney Croatia), Raskopoulos (Sydney Olympic), Tredinnick (Marconi), Slater (St George), Lowe (Marconi), Lee (Sydney City), Vlietstra (Wollongong), Wheatley (Blacktown).

BIG BROTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

WHAT a great boost to Young Soccer players in Australia to hear that the big brother movement have awarded eight scholarships to enable the recipients to visit the UK and train and play with a first division club.

Through the movements president Mr Jock McAusland a total of eight scholarships have been awarded to soccer. Each boy will receive a \$3500 grant which will pay for his air fare, accommodation, equipment and expenses. The boys selected are:

Paul Quarmby — Blacktown City, NSW State U18 squad.

David Barrett — Avala, National U16 team.

Mined Boneteg — Illawarra, NSW State U15 squad.

Adam Carroll — Orange, NSW State Country team.

Paul Jones — National U18 team AIS.

Alex Cummings — AIS.

Anton Avellino —

Melita Eagles, NSW State U18 squad.

Michael Lardis — Sydney City.

At the moment the clubs to be visited have not been finalised but will come from the following group: Everton, Manchester City, Manchester Utd, Watford, Luton, Tottenham.

The boys will be paired off so that they have a fellow Aussie at the same club and hopefully two clubs in the same proximity so that they can get together with two other boys if they wish.

This is a tremendous opportunity for the boys and we are very grateful to the big brothers movement for their great gesture.

CANTERBURY HEADING TOWARDS NSL

Sutherland5 Canterbury6

BY TONY RACITI

Canterbury maintained their surge towards their dream of playing in the National Soccer League with an amazing goal feast at Seymour Shaw.

The game was only ten minutes old and Canterbury's hopes of maintaining the pressure on leaders Fairy Meadow appeared remote as Sutherland raced to a 3-0 lead.

Fans were treated to a goal at an average of one every eight minutes and the teams went in at half-time with Sutherland holding a comfortable and winning 4-1 lead.

Midway through the second half Sutherland led 5-3 and with Hormazabal having been sent off in the 72nd minute for alleged head butting, Canterbury's chances were slim.

But in an amazing eight minute period from the full-time whistle Canterbury scored three goals to record a truly remarkable 6-3 victory.

As tempers flared on the field with the fluctuating circumstances of the match, spectators were causing minor disturbances resulting in police being called to the match to quell any possible fracas.

For Canterbury Hantzis, Borges and Silva all noched a double.

As for Sutherland former Youth Socceroo Craig Hall netted twice, with Groome, Beggs and Meads completing the scoring.

For Canterbury their true test of character comes this week when they confront Melita at Arlington Oval in a match that is likely to decide their future for 1986.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, Schumann, Terry, Burrows (Hesford 72), Dal Forno, Webber, Groome, Harrington, Hall, Beggs, Meads.

CANTERBURY: Hummel, Karaspyros, Hantzis, Radman, Pena, Hormazabal, Kirwan, Antonopoulos, Silva, Borges, Ortega.

Melita.....0 Rockdale.....1

MELITA's hopes of making a quick return to the ranks of the National League have now virtually faded following this result.

A fine individualist goal from Nastoski in the 32nd minute was enough to place a dampener on Melita's high ambitions.

Melita fought back vigorously to salvage at least a point, but were badly let down through poor shooting from their front running trio of Allan, Walker and Callinan.

Melita dominated the match throughout but failed to capitalise on the huge amount of possession which was fought for by their midfield.

MELITA: Mullen, Laing, McAusland, Wilson, McCoy, Vial, Farrugia, Davies (Palton 89), Walker (Hensman 64), Allan, Callinan.

ROCKDALE: Kotzohambos, Blacktown, G. Wilson, Pilovski, Forrester, D. Wilson, Nastoski, Slavski, Brown, Peleganos, Ristovski.

Avala.....0 Fairy Meadow.....1

FAIRY MEADOW finally returned to form and at the same

time maintained their slim one point lead at the top of the table with a hard fought win over Avala.

Fairy Meadow dominated proceedings throughout, but had to wait until five minutes from the end to gain maximum points.

It was replacement Montecchi who came on for Bradley who secured the precious points when he easily rounded two Avala defenders before unleashing a powerful drive which gave Thurlow no chance.

In a match which at times was physical to say the least, Avala can thank Thurlow for having held out the numerous Fairy Meadow attacking raids.

AVALA: Thurlow, Jordan, Divani, Dobson, Lembray, Carney, Atiagic, Cootes, Murray, Jeffrey, Martinez.

FAIRY MEADOW: Young, White, Morlando, Jones, Berringer, Pell, Mowbray, Giraldi, Bradley (Montecchi 67), Richardson (Kilby 85), Fontana.

Uruguay3 Bankstown3

BANKSTOWN are heading for the second division following their 3-all draw with fellow relegation candidates

Uruguay.

In a strange turn of events both sides also clashed on Saturday with the match ending in a 0-all draw.

With two matches remaining Bankstown's chances off survival seem hopeless as they are three points adrift of Uruguay.

The importance of yesterday's match was shown out in the attendance with an excellent State League crowd in excess of 2000 present.

BANKSTOWN: El Zein, Rajab, Lahood, Ismail, Nocera, Milbani, Apanian, El Houseini, Hawson, Antonopoulos, Hatton.

URUGUAY: O'Donnell, Pirez, Haste, Plinlic, Fernandez, Butera, Stavillo.

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SATURDAY AUGUST 24:

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Francis Park

North Bankstown v Bathurst '75

Potts Park

SUNDAY AUGUST 25:

Queens Park v SSC Yugal

Valentine Pk

Campbelltown City v Blacktown Utd

Lynwood Park

Penrith United v Dee Why

Cook Park

Cant & Dist v Wollongong Mac.

Berkeley S/G

Bathurst '75 v North Bankstown

Proctor Park

THIRD DIVISION

SATURDAY AUGUST 24:

Bondi Marine v Uni of NSW

Waverley Oval

Granville Dist v North Ryde

Garside Park

Baulkham Hills v Moorebank L.

Ted Horwood Res.

SUNDAY AUGUST 25:

King Tomislav v Campbelltown Dist.

Bensley Road

Rooty Hill v Baulkham Hills

Cawarra Park

Moorebank L. v Mt Druitt Town

Hammondville Oval

Port Hacking v Kingsford

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1:

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URUGUAYAN AUBURN v MANLY WARRINGAH MONA PARK

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HUNTER SURE OF A FINALIST

BY BILL TURNER

THE Hunter Region is assured of a finalist in this years Combined High Schools Ku-ring-gai Cup Knock Out series for girls.

The even present Gatehead High are up there again following their victories over the favoured Oxley High of Tamworth 3-2 and Forrest High 4-0. Kim Searant had two top games that sunk both the teams. She was ably assisted by Tanya White and Melinda Briley.

Warners Bay had revenge on Orana who beat them in last years corresponding clash. Orara's Regional player Leanne

Shipman was not given the space this time and Libby Marshall and Lisa Freeman gave the Lake-sides a comfortable win. In the quarter-final Warners Bay were too strong for Northmead once brilliant hard work of CHS player Tracey Wheeler.

Lisa Freeman notched two goals and Kelly Job the other in the 3-1 win. Amanda Mills scored for Northmead.

The disappointing semi-finals draw has denied a possible all Hunter final as the two teams have to meet this week.

However they do clash for a second time on August 21 in the final of the Hunter Region Rudy Roth Trophy.

They will play the match as an early fixture to the 1985 Bill Turner Cup final at Macquarie Field, Speers Point.



NSW WOMEN'S SQUAD FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN MELBOURNE

BACK ROW: l to r: John Doyle (asst coach) Kim Lembryk, Trixie Tagg (manageress), Julie Dolan, Janine Adams, Janelle Thomas, Margaret Petrov, Marie Russell, Anessa Tann, Teresa McCann, Toni McMahon, Alan Lytton (coach). FRONT ROW: Leigh Wardell, Carol Vinson, Mandi Langlaar, Janine Riddington, Janeane Aitken, Rita Cheevers, Rhonda Withers, Fran Townson.



HUNTER REGION

Libby Marshall Warners Bay, Lisa Freeman Warners Bay, Peta Whitehead Warners Bay, Joy Wyatt Warners Bay, Danielle Cunningham Warners Bay, Kelly Job Warners Bay, Julie Richards Warners Bay, Bev Wyatt Warners Bay, Jody Connolly Warners Bay, Tanya White Gateshead, Jane Horn Cessnock, Julie Gain Swansea, Anne Crowther Jesmond, Natalie Herring Wallsend, Mandy Manning Wallsend.

Manager: Mr Paul Freeman Warners Bay.

TRIUMPH FOR BYRON BAY

BEAUTIFUL Byron Bay is the grand final winner of the Far North Coast Women's Soccer Association.

Two goals from Debbie Irwin and one from Alison Templeman, gave them a 3-0 win over Ballina at Ballina.

The match was refereed by Allan Hampton, president of the N.NSW.W.ASF and the AWSA.

A strong forward move has been made from an adjacent area in that Coffs Harbour and Sawtell could be playing in this year's Callum McMillan Carnival.

And Armidale has made a forward move in that they have decided to send teams to Fiji next February.

Central Coast has been confirmed as the venue for the 1986 State Championships for Northern NSW.

As for the future, the allocation of dates is:

1987: Tamworth. 1988: Macquarie. 1989: Armidale. 1990: Newcastle. 1991 Far North Coast.



MARGARET PETROV

Their margin was only two points over second-placed Killarney, but they asserted their superiority when the chips were down.

Killarney however did defeat Forest in the NSW State Championships staged in Albury.

Forest Rangers represented St George and Killarney the North Harbour.

There is no shortage of State and Australian players in the Forest side but at times they let more spoiling teams such as Holroyd worry them.

Forest can come forward with the striking power of players such as international Cindy Heydon, Chris Bradley and Rita Cheevers and Kim Lembryk, all highly skilled practitioners.

Flame-haired Irish colleen, Rita Cheevers has been in tremendous touch along the right flank.

Forest is under the control of NSW State Coach, Alan Lytton, whilst Killarney's mentor is Thomas Petrov.

Killarney has Australian skipper, Julie Dolan, Soccerettes Margaret Petrov the dynamic midfielder, Mandi Langlaar a quality defender, and the flying winger Janine Riddington.

Striker Carol Proctor, has all the skills necessary to become a complete player.

Epping-Eastwood who ran third, might have done better over the season.

With players like Leigh Wardell and Carol Vinson in their ranks, they have the



MARGARET PETROV, Killarney's international midfielder in last year's World Women's Invitational Tournament in Taiwan, shows poise and great style on the ball in this picture.

This shot was taken in the state trials held at the Bill Mitchell Ground at Gladesville.

Margaret made her debut for Australia at the WWIFT, where she displayed heaps of pace and courage against opponents much bigger than herself.

Playing with Margaret for Killarney are three other Australian Internationals — Kristen Theille, Vicki Salmons and Mandi Langlaar.

basis on which to build a more tactically mature game.

UP and coming stars such as fullback-midfielder, Anne Marie Hiron, the NSW Under 17 captain and

central defender Lynda Mundie have big futures.

Uwe Bracklow's Holroyd have at least three top players who can throw out a challenge for honours next year, by which time

the strengthening process will have been fulfilled.

The club has been promised extra support by Chipping Norton Soccer Club and will represent them in next year's S.L.

Seven Hills probably paid the penalty for fielding two teams to make the competition viable.

Their A team played some good football but rarely could they match the likes of Forest and Killarney.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

Forest Rangers 25.
Killarney 23.
Epping Eastwood 14.
Seven Hills (A) 12.
Holroyd 11.
Seven Hills (B) 0.



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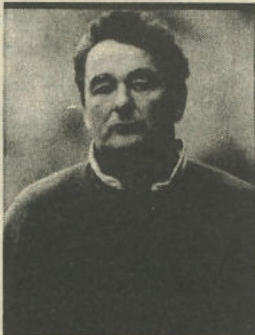
FOREST MEN WANT MOVE

THREE Nottingham Forest players have asked for transfers because they believe they have little future at the club.

The three are defender Bryn Gunn, winger Colin Walsh and goalkeeper Steve Sutton.

Gunn, 26, has been at Forest since he was 16 and has made 140 first team appearances.

Said Gunn: "I have been in and out of the team so often, I feel a move would be in my best interests."



BRIAN CLOUGH

SMALL CROWD — BIG CASH

GLENN HODDLE's testimonial match at White Hart Lane attracted only 13,000 spectators, mainly because the infamous London rain kept many people at home.

Even so, the cash yield will be considerable. Hoddle will collect about \$100,000 from the testimonial, which is not all that bad.

It is difficult to imagine Hoddle, still regarded in some quarters as a young player with potential, has put in 10 years with Spurs.

During the testimonial game, new Spurs signing Chris Waddle limped off with an injury.

Considering that Waddle cost more than a million dollars, the Spurs directors and manager Peter Shreeves were, naturally, upset.



ABOVE LEFT: Glenn Hoddle tackled by Salvatore Bagni during Italy's 2-1 win over England in Mexico last month. Hoddle had his testimonial recently but suffered because of the blighted London rain.

MORE WORRIES FOR WOLVES

DEREK DOUGAN, former Wolves chairman, is going to fight a \$600,000 court action against him by Allied Properties, owners of the team.

And former Wolves boss Tommy Docherty is also likely to be involved in litigation.

The Doc, sacked last month, reckons Wolves owe him \$2,000 in wages and expenses.

As a return gesture, Wolves have presented Docherty with a bill for \$48,500 for an end-of-season trip to Malta.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

BY AAP's TED SIMMONS to ASW's DAVID JACK at the written media's press conference for the arrival of the Under 16 national team at the airport.

Being the only two souls present, when confronted with the claim that the touring party was open to question, Ted claimed, "I GUESS WE HAD BETTER START OFF DAVID."

F.C.

CHAMPAGNE CHARLIE MOVE

ONE of the biggest transfer deals in years is simmering — and it could take Scottish international Charlie Nicholas from Arsenal to Liverpool.

In two seasons with Arsenal, Nicholas has made more headlines off the field than on it, due to his jazzy lifestyle.

Some conservative Arsenal officials believe the time has come to unload this very talented forward.

It has also been suggested that the team will favour a new style, chasing long balls like Watford, and if this happens, it is difficult to see what role Nicholas would play.

There has been nothing official on

Nicholas leaving, but if any interested club offers the \$1,500,000 Arsenal paid Celtic for Nicholas, the deal could be clinched.

Nicholas and new Liverpool boss Kenny Dalglish are old buddies. It appears certain Liverpool would lead the bidding if Arsenal release "Champagne Charlie."

Be sure, though, Nicholas's old club Celtic would be more than happy to take him back... if the fee is not beyond their budget.

AFTER all the speculation about what club Arsenal's David O'Leary would join, it now seems he will stay exactly where he is... at Highbury.

Manager Don Howe says everything is agreed with the Republic of Ireland centre-half and it is just a formality for the player to put pen to paper.



Brief

Charlie Nicholas, born in Glasgow on 30th December, 1961, gained two Scottish League Championship medals and a Scottish League Cup winners' medal at Celtic. Won seven Scotland caps. Signed by Arsenal for £750,000 in August, 1983.

FUNNY IRISH STORY

TONY CASCARINO has been invited to play for the Republic of Ireland in a friendly fixture — and nobody knew he was Irish!

It seems the Gillingham forward, subject of a lot of transfer talk last season, does have some sort of Irish qualification.

Cascarino explains: "I was born in England. My father was born in Scotland and his parents were Italian. But my mother's father was born in County Mayo... and that's in Ireland."

WEST HAM forward David Swindlehurst, who spent most of last season on the injured list, had a run-out in a friendly game against Wimbledon.

He had to be taken off with a groin injury.

FULHAM OUT OF LEAGUE

FULHAM, the soccer club which showed much courage in trying to become a power in rugby league, has given up the experiment.

The Fulham team has left Craven Cottage to play at Chiswick Polytechnic ground in the RL second division.

Club chairman Barbara Close said: "As we have now left Fulham, we shall be looking for a new name."

LEICESTER CITY have turned down a \$180,000 transfer offer from Grimsby for midfielder Andy Peake.

Peake has played for England at Under 21 level. He also played for England in Australia at the 1981 World Youth Championship.

RICH GET RICHER

SEASON TICKET SALES, which bring British clubs much of their annual revenue, have been going briskly at several clubs.

Everton, Sheffield Wednesday and Oxford report record takings.

Chelsea have pocketed \$1,500,000, which is an increase of \$250,000 over last season.

But while the rich get richer, many other clubs are struggling to sell season tickets.

Forty per cent are down on the previous year's sales.

SPURS STILL SEARCH

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR seem to be after a different centre-half every week but they still haven't landed the man they want.

Latest on their shopping list is Norwich City's Steve Bruce, a hard tackler who could add bite to the defence at White Hart Lane.

But Bruce will cost nearly \$1,000,000 and part of that fee would have to go to Gillingham.

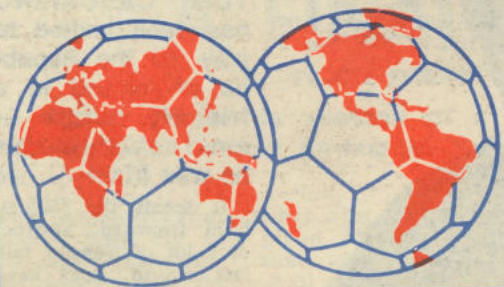
When Gillingham sold the player to Norwich, it was stipulated that, in the event of Bruce being re-sold, part of the fee would go to Gillingham.

BELOW: Graham Roberts needs a partner.



Steve Bruce

SOCCER WORLD



Franz slammed

BERND Schuster (above), Barcelona's talented West German with the knack for public relations, has publicly slammed new German team manager Franz Beckenbauer, saying: "He is not the right person to lead the German team and does not hold the correct coaching qualifications."

Beckenbauer responded swiftly, saying: "In no way will I employ this man Schuster to play for his country."

ANTIQUATED GROUNDS IN BELGIUM

FIVE of the football grounds in Belgium have been condemned as too old and unsafe.

This follows in the wake of the Bradford fire in England and, of course, the Brussels massacre, which might have been lessened in a more modern stadium than the Heysel.

Incidentally, Heysel

Stadium, which is used only for internationals and cup finals, is also due for a facelift.

It has been stated that Heysel must lose its "antiquated appearance."



GOALMOUTH ACTION ... with a vengeance. This picture, taken by Lutz Bongarts of Hamburg at the FC Cologne v Standard Liege European Cup game, won the photographer first prize in the Association of German Sports Journalists contest.

MARADONA HAS ANOTHER DIG!

DIEGO MARADONA seems to carry a chip on his shoulder over his short stay with Barcelona in Spain.

Maradona was very critical of Barcelona when they appointed an Englishman Terry Venables as coach - and when the team won the championship, Maradona was quick to play down Venables' contribution to that success.

Well, the argumentative Argentinian is at it again.

This is his latest outburst: "Venables has obviously done a decent job at Barcelona, but all he really achieved was to consolidate the ground-work done by Cesar Menotti and me."

"When we left, Barcelona had quality players and a very successful style."

"I consider myself partly responsible for Barcelona's success."

That sounds like the comments of an arrogant young man, but it might be a good idea if big mouth Maradona examined the success his various clubs have had.

At Argentinos Junior, he was the star but the team didn't win the championship until after he left to join Boca Juniors. He just about sent that club broke before joining Barcelona where

the title again eluded a Maradona team.

Perhaps this wayward genius will inspire his present club Napoli to win the Italian championship... but don't put your money on it.



DIEGO MARADONA ... lashes out at Venners

DOUBTS CLOUDING FALCAO'S FUTURE

THERE appears to be much huffing and puffing over the future of Brazilian international Falcao, who contrary to reports, has no wish to leave Italy's A.S. Roma.

Last season, Falcao, haunted by injury, hardly kicked a ball for Roma. He had an operation in New York but refused to submit to further examinations from the Italian club's doctors.

Last August, Falcao signed a three-year contract with Roma but the club president, Dino Viola, has cancelled it.

The Brazilian star has refused to accept his dismissal and

says he will not leave Roma until they pay him for the forthcoming season.

Instead Roma say they will play only a percentage of LAST year's wages to Falcao!

PRYTZ RETURNS TO SWEDEN

ROBERT PRYTZ, the brilliant Swedish international, is set to sign for Gothenburg, Sweden's champions.

PRYTZ was signed by Rangers in Scotland three years ago when John Greig gave Malmö \$170,000 for his transfer.

Although Prytz played in the European Cup Final for Malmö in 1979, he is still only 25.

He has scored six goals in his last five

international matches for Sweden - not bad for a midfielder.

While Gothenburg are optimistic Prytz will be playing for them this season, they are not the only club who want him.

There are Prytz admirers with clubs in Greece, Italy and Belgium.

SWISS OFFER \$1,000,000

WEST BROMWICH ALBION's top goal-score Garry Thompson is angry about West Brom's refusal to accept an Aston Villa bid for his transfer.

Villa offered \$700,000 but Albion said it was not enough.

A little more than two years ago, Albion paid \$450,000 for Thompson when they bought him from Coventry and now they want to double that figure to sell him.

Servette, the Swiss club, actually agreed

recently to pay \$1,000,000 for the player but Thompson refused to leave England.

"It's obvious I have no future at West Brom," said Thompson. "By rejecting the Villa offer, the club has left me in limbo," said Thompson.

MITA TOURNEY FOR SIX TEAMS

JAPANESE company Mita sponsor several teams in different countries.

For instance, Mita cash helps Argentina's World Club champions Independiente, Haarlem of Holland, Beveren of Belgium, Italy's Como, England's Aston Villa and Hearts from Scotland.

Now Hearts are hoping to arrange an in-

ternational tournament to feature all six clubs - with matches to be played in Edinburgh next summer.

While the current UEFA ban on English clubs remains, Aston Villa would be barred from such a tournament.